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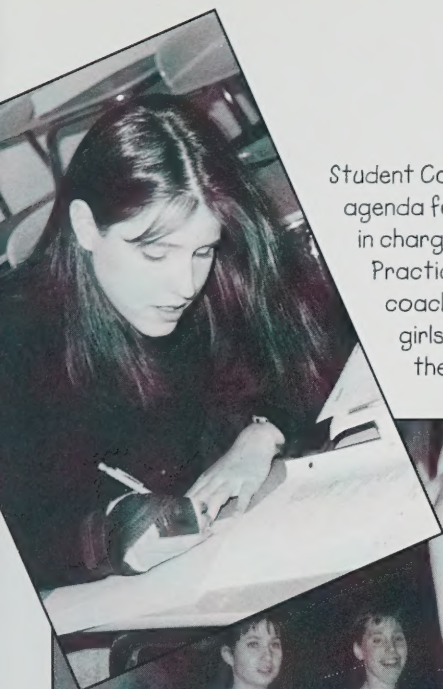
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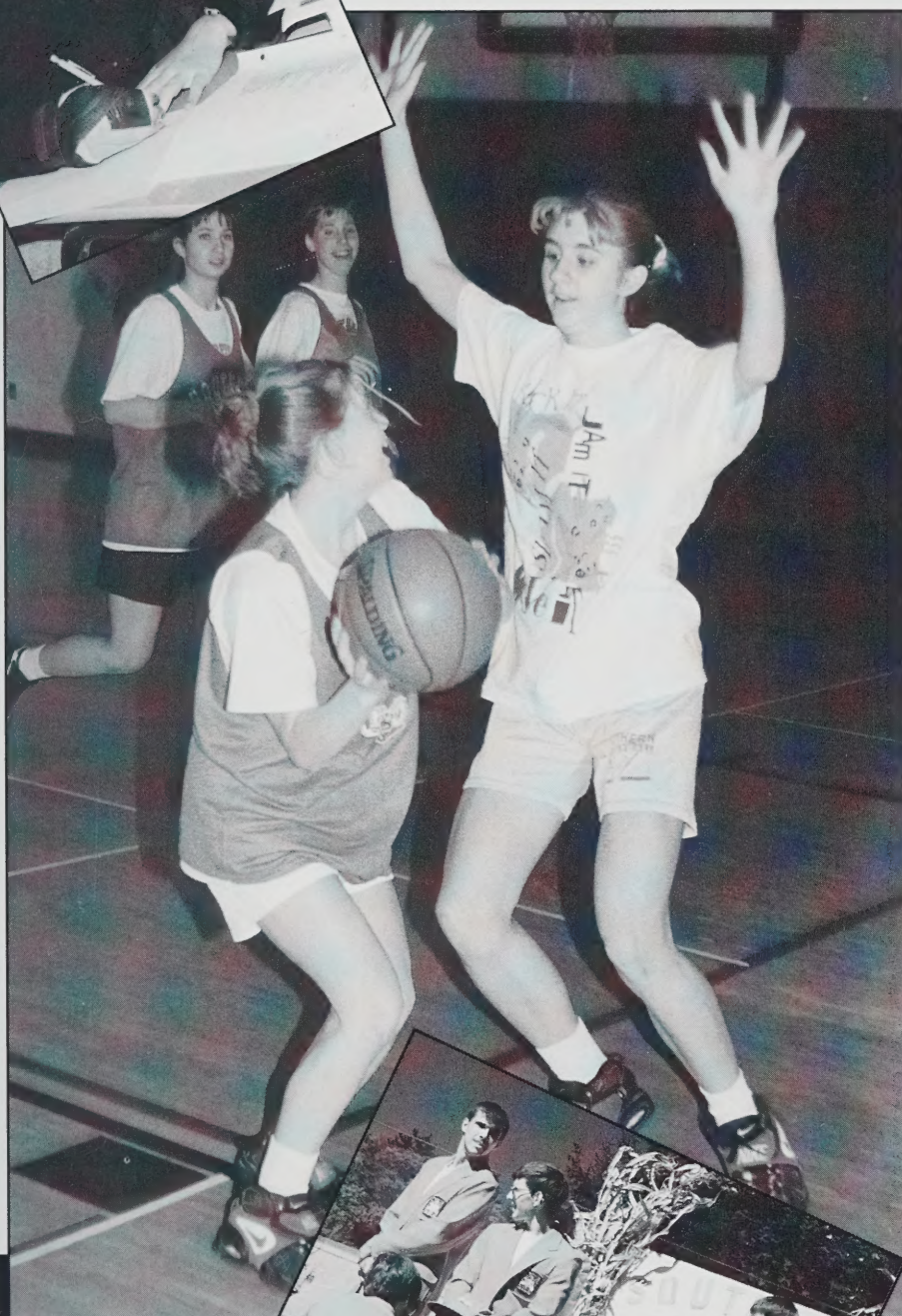
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Student Council President Lindsay Garris prepares the agenda for the next Student Council meeting. She was in charge of leading all the meetings.

Practice makes perfect is something that Southern coaches preach to the athletes. During a varsity girls' basketball practice, Katelyne McBee defends the ball from Jessica Saturday.



Standing proud upon the VICA float is Sam Sisler and Harland Sharpless. They, along with Mr. Loren Bowser, Mr. Steve Cosner, Aaron Baker and the rest of VICA, participated in the annual Autumn Glory parade.

# 1998

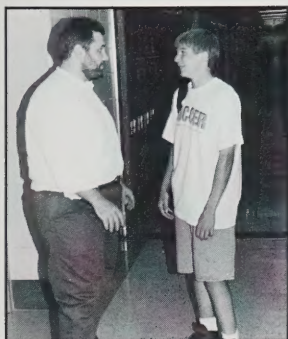
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# living in the now

Hola! Senor Keith Steyer talks to Mr. Charles Harkins in the hallway before school. During students' four years, many students developed friendships with teachers. Showing pride in the school, Crystal Tasker and Jenny Friend march in the Autumn Glory parade. Through clubs, activities and athletics, students found many ways to show their pride.



And so as the 8:30 bell rings at Southern High, another school year commences. For the seniors, it's their

last first day as they anxiously await the countdown to their graduation. Yes, summer is over and once again the school is humming with life.

The year was filled with many unforgettable events. From the highs to the lows, each event holds a solemn place in our heart. One of our proudest moments was when the Boys' Cross Country Team brought home an unprecedented fifth consecutive State Championship. One of our lowest moments came when mathematics teacher Mr. Don Lipscomb passed away.

But between all the highs and lows, normal lives existed. For

180 days we all meet here and spent the day together. Everyday proved to be different from the last and the next day always promised a bluer sky.



Ready for his next victim, Heath Arnold gives his opponent an evil grin. Sumo Wrestling was one of the many attractions found at After Prom.



Eight hundred thirty-seven students. Each one of us holds our own goals, identities and beliefs. With so many diverse students in one area, Southern can be compared to an abstract painting. With each brush of paint, a different student is represented. Every stroke yields a different shade, length and consistency representing the variety of us at Southern High School. When you combine this group with the faculty and staff members, we make an abstract reality.

# a year to remember

How we spent our time,

what made it meaningful  
and discovering what it was  
to be young and very much alive.

Opening







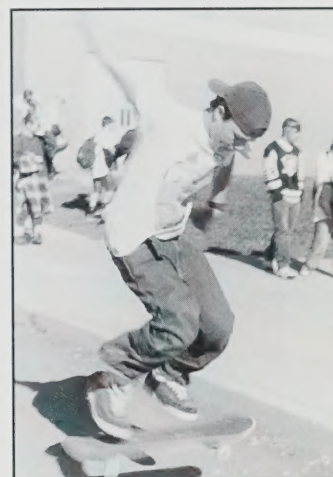
Working on a projectile motion lab, Karlo Gesner and Dan Sincell predict where the ball will land. They missed their target, a dime, by about two inches. Doing her homework during the JV game, Rachel Lane studies for English. On game nights, students often struggled to get their homework done in time.



## facing reality

Waking up at dawn, downing a cup of coffee while making a mad dash to class, cramming for a test – these familiar activities are far from the lethargic days of summer. They are a part of the normal hustle and bustle of life at Southern High. On August 26, 1997, it was time for each student to face reality.

Weeks before classes started, dedicated athletes and coaches met challenges in grueling summer sessions. Incoming freshmen had to get used to a brand new school filled with upper-classmen who actually knew that there was no pool on the fifth floor.

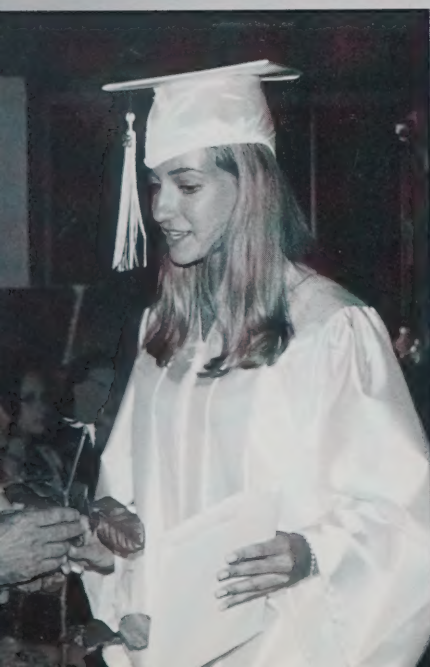


Performing a jump, Jesse Liller skateboards in the lower parking lot. Many students met there after school to try to master their tricks.

## the fabulous teen years

In a similar manner, while some of us are completely different, others share common interests and views. No matter how different the paint stroke is, each has its place on the canvas as each of us have our place at school.

No matter how abstract we are, we are unified in at least one way. Whether the one thing is our views, interests or simply that we all attend Southern, we are a conglomerate that makes a beautiful piece of art work.



With diploma in hand, Christy Hoalcraft receives a red rose from senior class adviser Mr. Tom Powers. The class of 1998 voted the red rose as their class flower.



Cheering on the Rams, Emily Nemith and Megan Mahaffey cheer at a home football game. Their continuous support motivated both the fans and the players.

## so, what exactly floats your boat?

The reality of our teenage lives is that we are required to spend four years attending high school. Some would call it a necessary evil, others would call it a stepping stone to our futures. No matter what, there have always been those events in high school that we enjoyed. In making our high school experience a memorable one, we have had fun in abstract forms. Although everyone views fun differently, we all find various ways to add fun to our vigorous lives. Whatever form it may be, we have all been able to make our stay at Southern a little more exciting.





Sitting this one out at Winter Homecoming is Tonya Sisler and Tiffany Sears. Along with her date, Chelsea Stuck enjoys Fall Homecoming.

Spring means many things to many people, but to Jessica Farmer it means taking time out to smell the flowers.



Band members Jennifer Script, Brandy Von Hagel, Amanda Palmer and Audrey Shipe march down Second Street during the annual Autumn Glory Parade.



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During graduation, Senior Class President Jennie Grant gives the mantle to next year's senior class president Crystal Hinnant.





At After Prom, Monica Smith gets ready to return the ping pong ball.



These cheerleaders strut their stuff at the Talent Show: Crystal Hinnant, Brianne Myers and Heather Hanline.

# PROUD of what we do

The senior class trip to Virginia Beach finds Donnelle Dick, Marni Sweitzer and Mariah McBee playing in the sand.

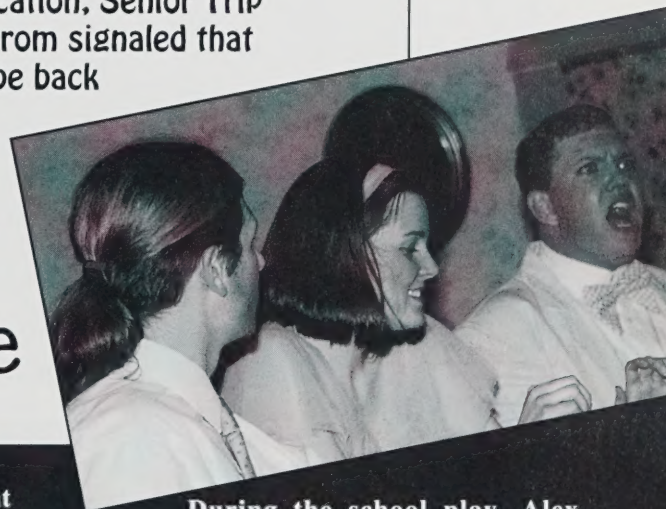
As summer vacation ended, students realized September was quickly approaching and with it the ordeal of getting back to their basic school day routine. At 8:30 on August 26, students were greeted by an all too familiar "Please rise for the national anthem" and in keeping with the tradition started years ago, nothing happened. The school year was off and running. Students, however, could look forward to some not-so-basic activities such as Autumn Glory and all the activities leading up to Homecoming.

Winter soon came with both students and teachers gazing out windows in hopes of a snow day, or praying that the next announcement was Mrs. Betty Liller announcing that there would be a 1 p.m. dismissal. Easter vacation, Senior Trip and the May 9 junior-senior prom signaled that warmer weather would soon be back and another year over. On

May 31, 194 seniors graduated, the proudest accomplishment in most of their lives.

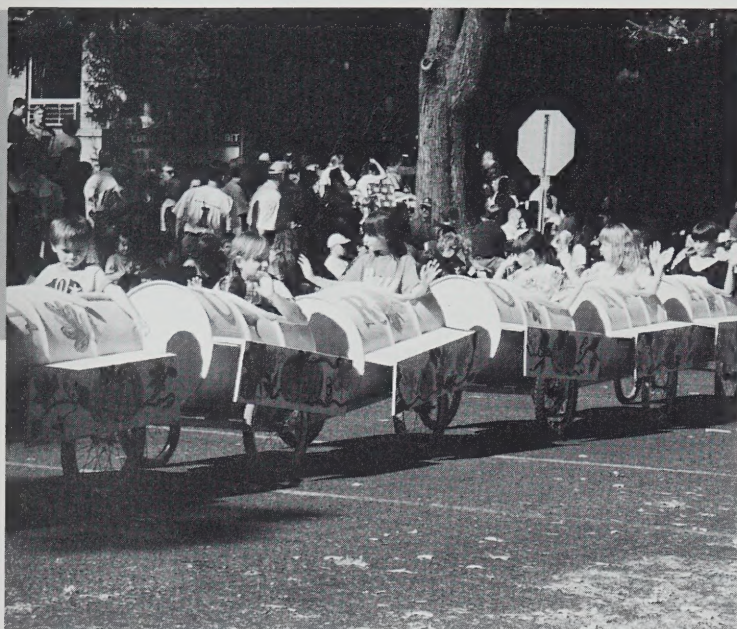
## student life

It would be hard to say that Billo Bhatnagar isn't have a good time dancing at Prom.



During the school play, Alex Hill and Erin Wampler listen to Kane Wengerd bellow in *You Can't Take It With You*.





Waving to a crowd full of smiling faces, these children enjoy their ride in the parade. The Aurora school sponsored a float consisting of old barrels.

Jim Delligatti, creator of the *Big Mac*, served as *Grand Marshal* of the parade. Upon its conclusion, Delligatti handed out autographed *Big Mac* boxes.

## Quite an Experience

Being an Autumn Glory Princess has been a learning experience," Michelle Teter, senior, said. "I never realized how much little kids look up to you. We had a neat little experience with three little girls that wanted to get their picture taken with us. We were waiting for the parade to start and they were afraid to come up to us. Finally, they did and they brought us bottled water, gum and got their picture taken."

Michelle and Rachel Leverenz were the Autumn Glory Princesses while Chelsea Fricky was the Autumn Glory Queen. Leverenz and Fricky were from Northern.

The Autumn Glory Festival Parade was the largest grand feature pa-

rade in festival history. The parade lasted nearly two hours with numerous individuals and groups taking part.

"Autumn Glory is a very tiresome day," Carrie Filsinger, senior, said. "We wait for Autumn Glory the entire season because of our home show (band), but when the day finally comes all we do is practice."

For many in the community, Autumn Glory was a homecoming during this week in October. Everyone, from college students who left in the fall to retired couples who left 20 years ago, came back to Garrett County.

But Autumn Glory wasn't just for the locals as thousands of tourists packed into the small little town in order to share in

the autumn splendor.

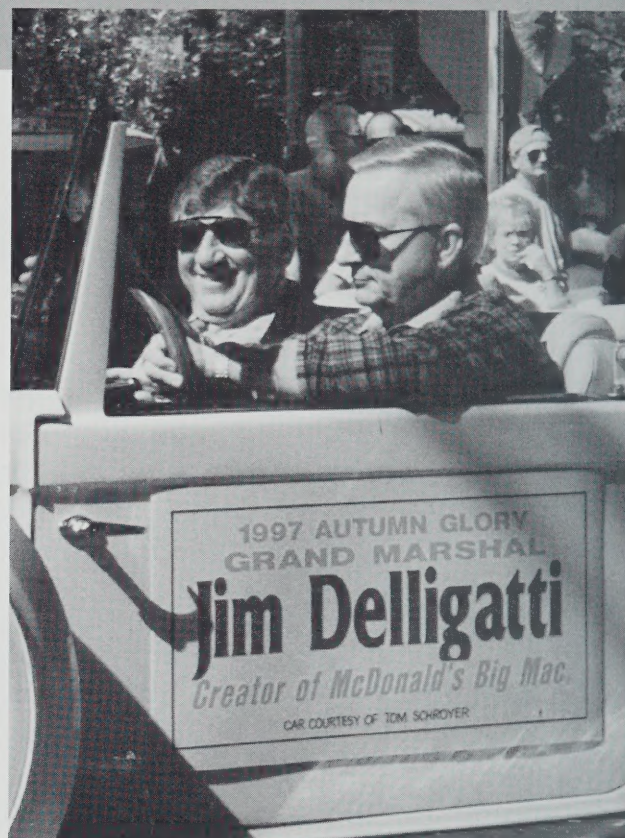
"Autumn Glory gives Garrett County a chance to shine and shows everyone the true meaning of beauty and why we live here," Jackie Stanley, senior, said. "I will be back next year."

The Grand Marshall was Mr. Jim Delligatti, inventor of the *Big Mac* at *McDonald's*.

"Autumn Glory was a blast!" Joy Jackson, sophomore, said. "Everyone there has lots of enthusiasm and the day was warm and sunny."

• Melissa Kuykendall

Stephanie Miller, Tammy Smith and Hilarie Wampler march with the band during the grand feature parade. The band performed in exhibition later that night at the Tournament of Bands.







**A**manda Hinebaugh and Susan Mayfield ride down Second Street during the parade on a float that also carried the Farm Queen. They were crowned Farm Princesses at the County Fair.

Mark Ludwig

"Autumn Glory was really great because I got to spend a lot of time with my girlfriend, Kerry."

What was your favorite part of Autumn Glory?



**D**rum Major Jennie Grant salutes the judges as the band approaches the judges' box. The band marched to a local favorite *The Thunderer*, a street march by Sousa.

**W**hile riding down the street, Michelle Teter smiles to the crowd. "Chelsea (Fricky) taught Rachel (Leverenz) and I the famous 'Miss America Wave' prior to the parade," Michelle said.



**T**onya Livengood, Scott Elliott, Bethany Smith and Hilarie Wampler promote the Peer Counselor program available at the school. "I feel that our float went over well," Scott said.

**B**ringing a little bit of Scotland to Oakland is the Garrett Highlanders. The musicians were all from the local area.

Autumn Glory

Autumn Glory



# How do you get To School?

**T**he alarm clock started ringing at 6:30 a.m. It's time to go to school. It's either time to ride the cheese wagon again or try to find a ride from someone going to the same place you are — to school.

For most students, the weather really reeked in the winter, especially for students who walked to school. The traffic's bad, people yelled at you out their car windows, the horns blew and sometimes you tried to dodge cars like you dodged snowballs.

"I usually ride the bus, but sometimes I walk home with one of my

friends," Laura Taylor, junior, said. "There's like no room to walk, so we had to walk into the path of oncoming cars."

For most students, getting a parking pass for the student front parking lot is really difficult. Some students could get one, but for those who didn't get a parking pass, they had to walk up to the school from the track parking lot.

"The requirements for getting a permit are a little to strict," Brandy Rush, junior, said. "The first time I applied I had the right grades and everything, but I had too many absences, so it took me awhile to get one."

Some students' parents drop them off, while others were ticked off because their kids woke them up because they slept in and missed their ride to school.

"I hate to ride the cheese wagon because it's so crowded," Sara Shrewsbury, junior, said. "Not to be mean or anything, some of the people on my bus freak me out, so usually I get a ride to school in the morning."

Just as you walked in the main doors of the school, the tardy bell ran. Ahhhh! You screamed. It's my third one. I need to find a new ride to school.

•Carrie Friend



**P**arking at the lower parking lot are Linda Pannell and Stephanie Sweitzer. "I don't mind giving Steph a ride to school," Linda said, showing her kindness.

**T**im McDaniel is looking forward to driving to school in his years to come. Most students couldn't wait to get in the driver's seat and take off.





**T**he last two buses to return to pick up students were 69 and 73. Waiting for some students could be a drag but others thought it was great because they couldn't miss their bus.

**G**etting off bus 58 to get to school is Aliza Green. Some students rode the bus for over an hour just to get to school.



**W**alking from the church parking lot to get to school are Garret Tinsley, Becky Newman, Erica Tinsley, Tonya Sisler, Jessica Baker, Tiffany Sears. Some students parked at the church parking lot because it's not as far to walk as if they parked down at the track.



**G**etting dropped off to go to school is Nick Cosner. Some students got rides to school because most students thought the bus wasn't much fun to ride.

**P**arking at the track are Stephanie and Josh White. Many students brought a sibling in exchange for the car.

# Getting to School





**S**haring a dance are Keri Strubin and Karlo Gesner. "Mr. Z did a much better job of mixing up the music instead of playing 80's music like he usually does," Rachel Farmer said.



**K**ing Chad Warnick dances with his Queen Michelle Teter during the court song, "How do I live" by LeAnn Rhymes.



## Fall Homecoming



**S**enior court members include Bryanne Miller, Josh Helbig, Alison Rudy and Andy Seib.

**B**ethany Savage videotapes the court members of the dance. Emily Nemith, cheerleading adviser, gave her camcorder to different people to record their friends so she could have all aspects of homecoming for her memories.

**S**enior court members include Jennie Grant, John Ayers, Mariah McBee and Scott Beitzel.



What spirit week activity was the most motivating?

Brian Brown

I think red and white day inspired many students, including myself, to go out and cheer on the Rams.

Andi Bender

Pajama day truly inspired me and it also made me feel good.





# Trying to make it Perfect

**A**s people dance in the background, Jessica Saturday talks to Brittany Slider. Many people enjoyed talking and being with their friends, even if they did get sidetracked by a cute guy walking by!

**H**omecoming weekend started off as a typically perfect homecoming would. The Rams took control from the beginning of the game and never looked back.

The Rams won 28-15, with Hampshire scoring its final touchdown with no time left on the clock. So the game was not as close as the score indicated.

Next came the dance.

Approximately 300 people attended the dance and raised about \$1100 for the cheerleaders to pay for summer camp and instructors.

Decorating was one thing about the weekend that did not go perfectly. It took the cheerleaders over 10 hours to decorate. Even though it took forever, many people liked the decorations.

"I thought the dance was really pretty," Meghan Mou, senior, said. "I really liked how they decorated the sound boards and murals. Everything was beautiful."

Along with being beautiful, Homecoming

was also a funny experience for some people.

"What I remember about Homecoming was (Josh) Helbig," Jonathan Price, junior, said. "He was so funny because he was so spaced out he had no idea what was going on!"

Josh had surgery on his knee the night before the dance and was given morphine to relieve his pain. He was released long enough to go to the dance and then had to be readmitted.

A lot of time and effort went into making it a perfect weekend, and most thought that it was good because they got to spend time with their friends. •Elizabeth Paesani



**C**hristine Evans smiles while enjoying a dance with Andy Herbert. "I think one of my favorite parts of the whole night was dancing with Andy!" Christine said.

**C**ourt members include freshmen Andrea Savage and Andrew Grant, sophomores Emily Nemith and Josh Bosley, juniors Crystal Hinnant and John Andrews.

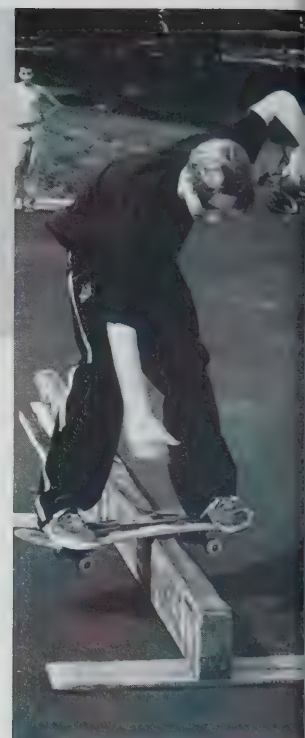




**T**he Front Side Rail Slide is being demonstrated by Jacob Dehus.

**D**oing a Fly Away off the Ramp is Jacob Dehus. Skateboarding, more popular than ever before, was a tough sport. Not only was the actual sport difficult, but finding an appropriate place to do it was the hardest thing.

**T**his trick is a must in order to progress in skateboarding as Jesse Liller demonstrates the Front Side Rail Slide. "This trick is like the second trick I learned. In order to progress, you must first find a trick and then go and go until you perfect it."



**T**his Grind isn't too terribly tough," Jesse Liller said after coming off a 5.0 Grind, "but it is hard to keep your balance. The 5.0 Grind is a grind while your board is riding a wheelie on the back wheels. It's fun, too! I learned it by watching my friend, Rob Broadwater, who is now in the army."



**S**howing off, Tim McDaniels gives some idea of his skateboarding skills. "Most people with their stereotypes and prejudices think skateboarding is a way for kids to commit crimes in groups."







**T**he only trick I landed and it was perfect for Mr. (Doug) Buckley's camera is this *One Footed Madonna Air*. This is tough to land and I'm glad I did because my elbow is purple from it." Jesse Liller said.

## A good place to Skate



**I**'ve been skating for about four years and I feel as if it is a full part of me, like something I must do or else I do nothing," Jesse Liller, freshman, said. "It stinks because as much as I want to skate, I'm threatened by the local law enforcement authorities even when walking down the street. I've broken six bones, the collarbone hurting hardcore, but it's more than anything in the world."

Skateboarding, more popular than ever before, was a tough sport. Not only was the actual sport difficult, but finding an appropriate place to do it

was the hardest thing.

For the past two years of strong dedication, the GCASC (Garrett County Amateur Skating League Coalition) attended Oakland town council meetings with high hopes and were cut a good break.

"Most people with their stereotypes and prejudices think skateboarding is a way for kids to commit crimes in groups," Tim McDaniel, freshman, said. "But these people misunderstand. The GCASC has a goal of finding a good place for the county's youth to skate instead of being out consuming alcohol or drugs and doing other things they shouldn't."

Just before school was out, the Oak Park Church graciously donated a lot for the use of skateboarding, in-line skating and freestyle biking. At first, they were using the lot without permission and instead of removing the skaters, Pastor Mel Menker worked out an arrangement allowing them to skate only if they

repainted offensive graphics on the ramps, kept the lot clean and respected the church facilities.

"Considering the number of baseball fields and basketball courts, it's about time we received a skate area," Tim said. "The generous people at the Oak Park Church even offered to put in a spot light for night skating."

Skating at Center Street and Stewart Funeral Home parking lots used to be nice places until the skaters were asked to leave. But finally, with a little cooperation from the skaters and the community, a nice, temporary lot was provided by the church.

"All that I'm sure of is that after three years of skating, I love the sport and have realized it's a big part of my life," Tim said.

The towns of Mt. Lake Park and Oakland were planning a skaters' park at Broadford Park. At press time, plans were moving forward to such an area for the summer of 1999.

**S**howing off an *Ollie to Mute Grab*, Ryan Kitzmiller learned this trick when snowboarding. "I saw many people doing this on snow, so I tried it on pavement," he said. "We were practicing at the church across from the school. We are very thankful for the church letting us skate. Many people think of us as a bad group of people because of the way we look, but the people of the church don't look at us that way."



**R**epresenting the junior class are John Andrews and Crystal Hinnant.



**W**hile Mikey Virts does his thing, Vicki Lloyd, Mika Myers and Tiffany Holtschneider dance the night away.



**D**ancing to the song YMCA, Jillena Henderson, Megan Garland, Allison Hamilton and Catherine Donaldson enjoy themselves.



**A**fter the Winterball ceremonies, Brianne Miller and Lindsay Garris congratulate Rachel Shaffer for being on court.



**C**ourt members include: seniors Sean Conroy, Julie Glotfelty, Derek Everd and Cambria Harman.



**C**ourt members include: freshmen Rusty Strubin and Erin Orr and sophomores Josh Bosley and Emily Nemith.





**W**hile listening to the music, Ted Wolf, Jon Browning, Nick Cosner and Nick Wolf show everyone that's watching the proper way to "get down."

# Winterball

*Your peers appreciate  
YOU*



**K**ing Sam Sisler poses with his queen of Winterball Jennie Grant.

**R**epresenting the senior class is Aaron James, Rachel Shaffer, Billoo Bhatnagar and Sara Sincell.

**I** was quite surprised that I got on Winterball Court, but overall I think it was a good experience and it was nice to know that your peers appreciate you," Billoo Bhatnagar, senior, said.

The cafeteria was changed from just an ordinary lunch room into a setting that was filled with fun and romance.

"Winterball was a lot of fun this year," Mrs. Mary Ann Shipe said. "The decorations were time consuming but we saved the snowflakes for future use. I thought everyone looked very becoming

and enjoyed the evening."

Out of Emily Nemith and Josh Bosley's high school years, they have represented the sophomore class four out of the last five formal dances. Josh represented the sophomore class for every formal dance and Emily has represented the sophomore class in every dance except her freshman year's Winter Homecoming.

"Being on court is an honor because you are voted there by the respect of your peers," Emily said.

Many people looked forward to Winterball to spend time with their

friends and the ones they loved.

"I had a lot of fun this year at Winterball," Erica Wilt, sophomore, said. "It was better than last year's because I went single to spend more time with my friends."

Winterball was started by the 1993 senior class in order to raise money for the senior trip.

Many couples continued the night dancing at parties while others went home to share in a quiet evening alone.

"After the dance, I continued my fun at a party with all my friends," Carrie Friend, junior, said.





# Purple, black and silver Greet's 366

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inter Homecoming was a lot of fun," Rachel Farmer, senior, said. "Since I spent the whole day decorating for it, I especially enjoyed the all-around effect."

There were 366 students that came out in order to have a fun time at Winter Homecoming. The members of Student Council put many hours into putting up decorations. The colors were purple, black and silver.

"The dance was not what I expected. It started out to be a fun night with

my friends, but by the end of the night we all started not having fun anymore," Nicole Frazee, junior, said. "The decorations were pretty though."

Most people had fun by dancing and associating with their friends.

The DJ was Mr. David Zimmerman and the theme song was "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion. The dance was held on February 14.

"I didn't think the music was too bad, but being with my friends made the whole night a lot better," Donnelle Dick, senior, said.

Seniors Aaron Janes

A

s Brian Oxford, Meghan Conroy and Janet Cook watch and laugh, Sean Conroy attempts to bust a move while dancing with his little sister, Kerri. Kerri is the sister of Meghan and Sean.

and Mariah McBee won for Homecoming king and queen. They led a dance to the theme song while the rest of the court joined in.

"I was really surprised and excited when I got Homecoming Queen," Mariah said. "It was a great night."

• Mariah McBee



**S**enior court members: Julie Glotfelty, Sean Conroy, Mariah McBee, Aaron Janes, Michelle Teter, Mike Bittinger

**K**erri Conroy and Wyatt McBee acted as the flower girl and crown bearer. They are the siblings of students.





**J**unior court members: Andrea Bender, John Andrews.

**M**ariah McBee and Aaron Janes dance to the theme song just after being crowned as queen and king. It was the first time for both of them to be crowned.

## Winter Homecoming



**C**ourt Members: freshmen: Erin Orr, Jamie Bosley; sophomore: Heather Hanline, Nathaniel Panther.

**C**harlena Reeves and Laura Friend are talking while enjoying the refreshments that were provided at the dance. "The refreshments were good," Charlena Reeves said.



**S**enior court members: Rachel Farmer, Derek Everd, Lindsay Garris, Karlo Gesner.



Carrie Filsinger

"Jennie's leopard and dress was perfectly me. A dress has to scream at me before I wear it."

Steve Allison

"I first pick out a stylin tie and then I go from there and work my way down."

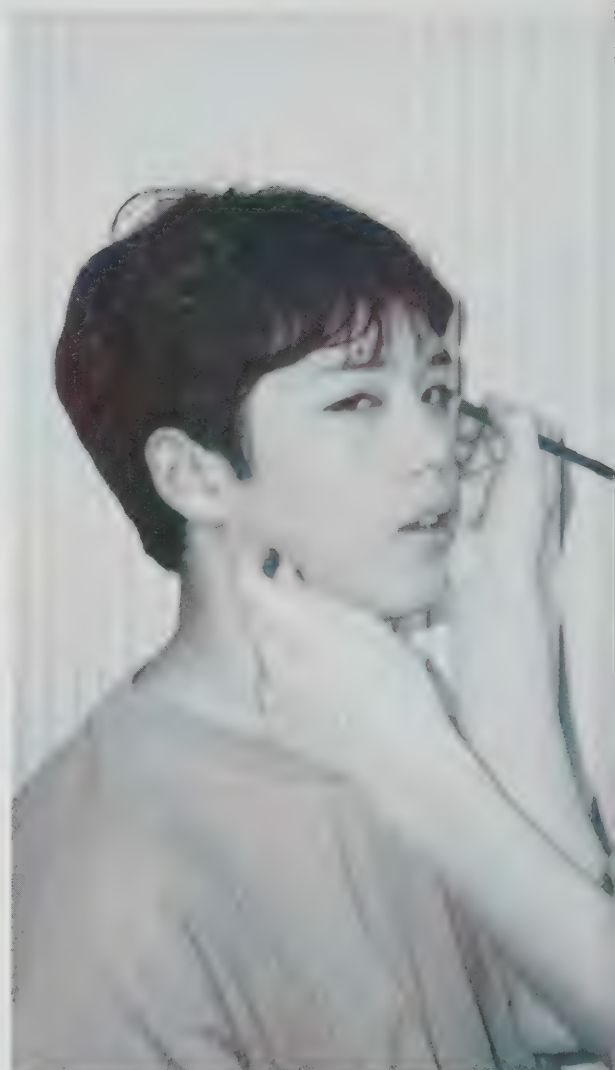
How did you decide what to wear?



**A**fter eight performances, the cast was getting rather tired and needed some way to unwind at the cast party. This group of four, Keri Strubin, Karlo Gesner, Matt Walthall and Gina Powell, play "war" to relieve tensions.



**D**ue to a death in a cast member's family, Adam Sincell fills in for the part of *Snoopy*. He is thinking about supper with the *Woodstock* girls. According to a cast member, the small number of cast members made it fun to work on.



**L**ove is what *Lucy* (Sara Sincell) is after as she tries to win *Schroder's* (Eric Archer) love. The other cast members sit around and talk.



**W**ith kites in the air, Adam Sincell, Karlo Gesner, Andrew Crone, Sara Sincell, Leah Broderick and Eric Archer enjoy a summer day.

**A** blanket is very important to any dog and *Linus* (Karlo Gesner) cannot be separated from his either.







# Brown really Packs them in

**B**efore a local performance, Lauren Rudy works on Karlo Gesner's makeup. This was at the social hall at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

**T**he Ecumenical Youth Ministries group put on a version of Charlie Brown that was based on *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*.

Many Southern students sang and danced under the watchful commanding eye of Ms. Lynn Broderick in the Catholic social hall, and after they caught their breath they realized that they had ended up on Solomon's Island in Southern Maryland.

The play was fun to watch. According to the cast members, it was fun to work on too. "The closeness of the cast, crew and musicians in the play was a lot more

noticeable this year than last," Keri Strubin, junior, said. "This is probably because the number of people in the play was a lot smaller. We got along like a family, and the age factor rarely played a part. Although sometimes we had our little fights, we still love each other."

The play had a live band, which consisted of local area students and residents, instead of recorded music. "The idea of a live band was a good one," Annie Neville, junior, said. "It gives musicians the opportunity to play in a group that is not offered in our school system." The live band also sounded better than a recording, which could often times sound grainy.

The play people had to practice often, but it was a labor of love. "I didn't enjoy taking free time to go and practice," Gina Powell, sophomore, said. "Once

I got to practice, and things got started, I really had a good time." The practices paid off. The play was enjoyable.

"The play already had morals in it. The Bible quotes were unnecessary," Erin Wampler, senior, said. "The only reason for the Bible verses was that the play was sponsored by churches so they had to make it religious somehow."

The original play script contained no religious information, but because it was put on in a church related building, random Bible quotes were added.

When the play was over and done with, and there were no shows left to put on, the fun ended.

"I am really going to miss that play," Matt Walthall, senior, said. "I almost cry every time I think about all of those great play people and the times we shared. It brings a tear to my eye."

•Scott Sanders



**D**oing one's hair is a first for Gina Powell and Kendra Durst. They were getting ready to go on stage for the *Charlie Brown* production.

**W**ith smiles all around, Lauren Rudy, Karlo Gesner, Keiley Feather and Eric Archer relax after a performance at Solomon's Island.





**M**ike Prohonic (Donald) asks how Alice and Tony's night went. Donald (c) wasn't too bright and didn't realize that Tony and Alice were trying to be alone.



## School Play

**D**avid Nichols (Tony Kirby) is toasting to the wonderful evening he and Rachel Lane (Alice) had. "I feel working on the play was my best accomplishment in high school," David said.



**I**t just won't light. Watch," Andy Seib (Mr. DePinna) says as Shawn Cardiff (Paul Sycamore) waits for sparks to fly. Paul and Mr. DePinna made fireworks in the basement.



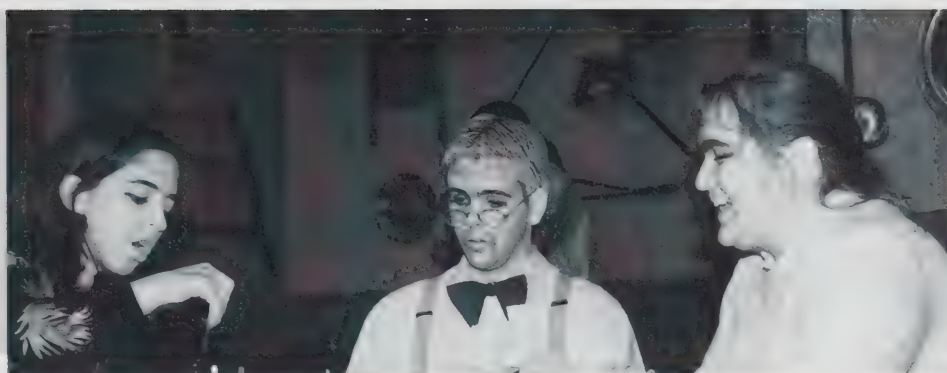
**M**ade four bulls-eyes last night. Got to do better than that," Mikey Virts said. His character was an eccentric grandfather who collected snakes, stamps, hats, and went to commencement services for fun.





**C**helsea Stuck (Rheba) explains to Kane Wengerd (Mr. Kolenkhov) the she could never be a dancer because she's got corns. "Being in the play was one of greatest experiences of my life," Chelsea said.

**Y**ou don't drink while you're doing a performance I hope," Bethany Smith (Penny) asks Marianne Peracchio (Miss Wellington). Marianne played a drunken actress in one of Penny's mixed up plays.



# You can take the Memories with you

**W**ell, well, well! You should have been there. That's all I can say, is you should have been there," Mikey Virts, junior, said.

He played Grandpa in the school play *You Can't Take It With You*.

The cast and crew of 24 included members from the freshman class through the senior class. Amazingly everybody got along and worked together.

"Being part of the school play was a wonderful opportunity," Alex Roth, a.k.a. The German, junior, said. "It created comradeship between the people that made up the cast which gave us a wonderful time producing the play."

**I** don't have to pay the government anything," Mikey Virts (Grandpa) argues with Peter Porcaro (Mr. Henderson). Peter played a man from the Internal Revenue Department coming to talk to Grandpa about never paying his income taxes.

*You Can't Take It With You* was a play about a very eccentric family from the 1930's. It had everything from fireworks to dozens of crazy manuscripts, to an aquarium full of snakes, to a Russian ballet instructor (played by Kane Wengerd).

"Acting in the play was a lot of fun," Kane, Mr. Kolenkhov, said. "The cast was really great and I had a fun role. I got to be loud!"

As eccentric as the family was, there was still an overwhelming amount of love in the family. The play helped recognize the importance of fulfillment and happiness.

"I was worried at first about how the people would react to a play that had a message, but it went off well and seemed to be a big hit," Rachel Lane, senior, said. "I personally had a blast."

The whole cast enjoyed participating in the play as well as being completely crazy backstage.

"Well, what can I say.

The play was an extreme blast," Evie White, sophomore, said. "There was always something groovy happening backstage, and as far as performing is concerned, there are no words to describe the feeling I got from performing for my peers. Amen!"

Ms. Jane Avery had her debut as Rheba, the house keeper, in this play. It holds many memories for her.

"During the rehearsal process, I fell in love with this script all over again," Ms. Avery, theater director, said.

She also fell in love with the off-the-wall cast and crew.

"This creative group has an enormous sense of fun; they are also responsible and dedicated," Ms. Avery said. "I hope they will follow the wisdom of Grandpa and keep moving, develop interests, have fun, devote themselves to what's important and of course, to give thanks."

•Erin Wampler



**S**tomping grapes in San Marco at Busch Gardens is Alison Rudy, Mariah McBee, Sara Sincell, Donnelle Dick, Josh Helbig, Jennie Grant, Marni Sweitzer, Bryanne Miller and Carrie Filsinger.



**A** shiver and smile come from Josh Helbig and Mariah McBee as they recover from a wet ride at Busch Gardens. The lines took no time to get through and many rides were ridden.

**A** mall at the Norfolk was the scene as Bryanne Miller, Josh Helbig and Sara Sincell model some shades before boarding the American River cruise ship.



## Perfect ending to a Great Year

**F**or the class of '98, the two night, three day senior trip gave them plenty of time to relax and get away.

"The senior trip was great," Marni Sweitzer, said, "I never realized how much I am going to miss everyone when we graduate. Staying for two nights gave us lots of freedom to explore the city life which is very different from life in Garrett County."

The seniors went first to Busch Gardens and then stayed two nights at Virginia Beach. For many seniors, the beach was the most fun and many memorable events were

shared there.

"The water at the beach was freezing but the waves were awesome," Karlo Gesner said. "Once you got numb enough that your cajonies stopped aching, it wasn't that bad."

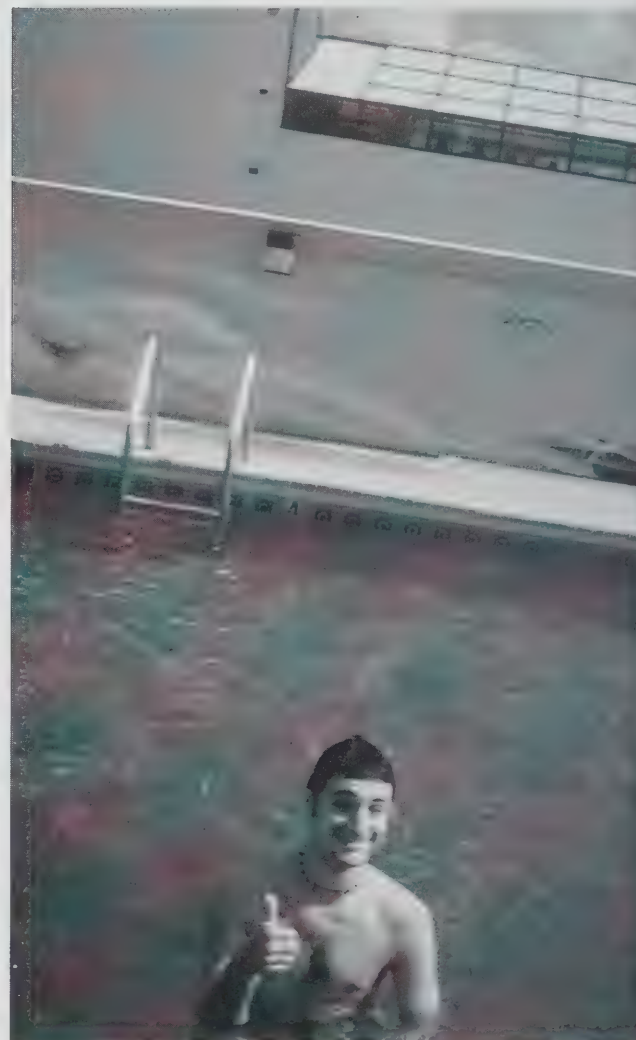
Other seniors had stories to tell about Busch Gardens. "I had the greatest time with all my friends," Donnelle Dick said. "Busch Gardens was a lot of fun especially having Josh Helbig lead us around even though he couldn't read any maps. I am really going to miss all my friends but I am glad I went on the trip so I can remember how much we all have together."

Carrie Filsinger

seemed to sum things up best about the trip. "The senior trip was a perfect everyday ending to a great year. The weekend was full of memorable events. It was a shame that only 31 seniors went, but those of us who did had a great time. Spending the two days with only seniors makes me realize what good friends I have and good times we have. I will miss when we all depart on our separate ways."

•Brad Zimmerman

**W**hile Sean Conroy practices for his future career at Play Girl, a thumbs up is given by Matt Walthall in the pool at the hotel. "The water was really cold so I couldn't stay in very long," Matt said.







**S**and and sun soaking time finds Mariah McBee, Donnelle Dick and Marni Sweitzer hanging out. "The sun was hot but the water was cold," Marni said. "I enjoyed my time out at the beach with my friends."



**O**n the charter bus, Mark Ludwig, Bryanne Miller, Carrie Filsinger and Donnelle Dick organize their luggage and prepare for a six hour trip to Busch Gardens. Josh Helbig said, "Many people slept on the way because we left in the early hours of the morning."



**A** scene from the movie *Titanic* finds Mark Ludwig and Jennie Grant portraying the movie's lead characters while riding the American River cruise ship. The boat was provided for the seniors as they took a tour and danced.



## Senior Trip

**V**irginia Beach's weather brings smiles and enjoyment for Alison Rudy, Jenny Grant, Bryanne Miller and Sara Sincell. The weather was just right for a day at the beach.

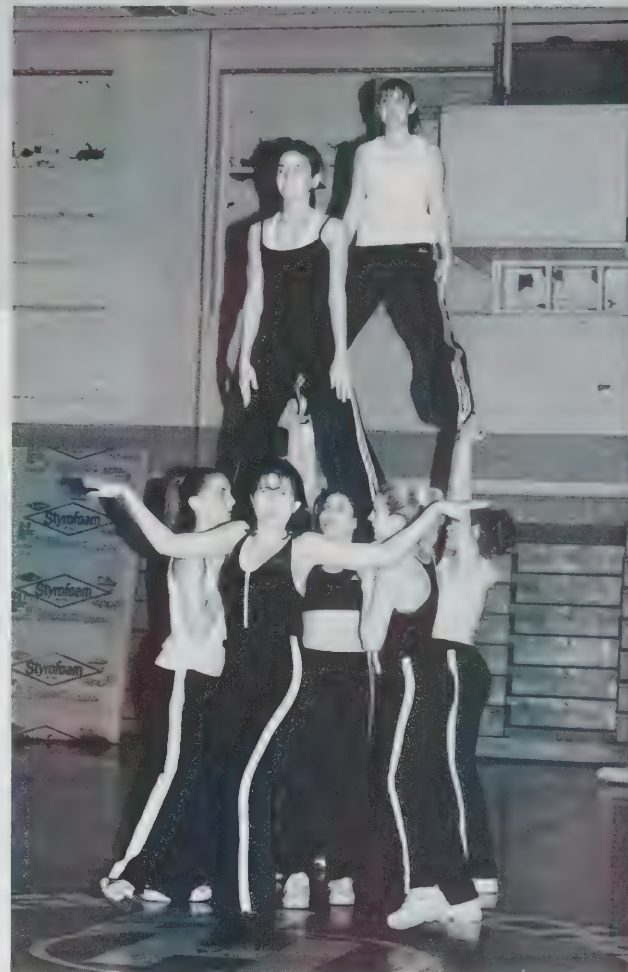


**T**onya True brings down the house with her performance of *Foolish Games*. Her effort brought her a third place award.



**E**mily Nemith performs a dance routine. "I had never performed *The Kiss of the Spiderwoman* for a crowd," Emily said. "It was a good experience to prepare for competition."

**E**mily Nemith and Sherry Perando tower above on a platform of fellow cheerleaders in their exhibition. The cheerleaders presented a dance routine.



## Talent Show



**T**he lead singer and lone guitarist of *Venus Envy*, Tim Beckman, belts out a note for the crowd. *Venus Envy* performed two original songs and took second place.

**J**osh Teets, Andy Seib, and Mike Virts find themselves using plungers as batons in a dance routine. Their contribution allowed Ms. Jane Avery's drama class to take first for the second year in a row.





**T**aking the roles of host, Alex Hill and Derek Coughlin proved quite the entertainers. They also played in the horn section for the band *Venus Envy*.

**E**rin Wampler, Paul Liller and Heather Hanline shake their money makers for the audience. In fact their money makers made them \$50 for Ms. Jane Avery's class.



## Best Talent Showcased



**A** total of seven acts participated in the senior class sponsored talent show including three competitive acts and four exhibitions. The extravaganza was hosted by sophomores Alex Hill and Derek Coughlin.

At first, the show seemed that it would be dominated primarily by several band acts although many of them were deemed ineligible due to out of school members.

"All the acts were good, especially the Winter Percussion," Carrie Carpenter and Amy Sues, sophomores, said, "but we wished there were more bands."

As it has always been in the past, the performances showcased some of the

best talent that Southern had to offer.

"The acts were all pretty good," Becca Gangler, sophomore, said. "It seemed like they all put a lot of time and effort into them."

First place went to Ms. Jane Avery's drama students who presented a very interesting dance routine choreographed to "Tarantula" (Italian wedding dance).

"I loved performing in the talent show," Paul Liller, sophomore, said. "Ms. Avery made us have fun when we got up there and our few practices a week helped us to win first place, even if we only entered to add variety."

This was the second year in a row that one of Ms. Avery's projects has taken first place.

Second place went to the ska oriented band *Venus Envy* for performing two of their

original songs, "Racing" and "Destination." The band included Tim Beckman, Aaron Mountain, Eric Jacoby, Chris Rondeau, Derek Coughlin and Alex Hill.

"The talent show was cool," Derek Coughlin, sophomore, said. "My band played well and Al and I got to be the hosts."

Third place went to Tonya True for her version of "Foolish Games" by Jewel.

Among the exhibition acts, the Winterguard presented their field show, the cheerleaders presented a dance routine, Emily Nemith performed "Kiss of the Spiderwoman" and the Winter Percussion performed their musical routine.

All in all, the talent show was again an overall success.

•Karlo Gesner



**W**hile laughing at each other, Joey Snell and Hilary Wampler dance the night away. "I had a great time dancing with Joey," Hilary said.



**W**hile taking a bite to eat, Mike Paesani talks to Ms. Robin Spiker(r). Ms. Spiker was in charge of prom along with Mr. Barry Shaffer



**M**rs. Lynn Bell, principal, and Mr. Barry Shaffer stop and chat during prom. Mr. Shaffer was in charge of the special night along with Ms. Robin Spiker.

**W**hile talking about their nice night, Maggie Hardesty and Jerrod Kitzmiller hold hands. "Prom was very nice," Maggie said. "Everyone looked great and was gorgeous."



# Prom



**C**ourt members include: Mike Carola, Cambria Harman, Chad Warnick, Christy DeWitt.



**C**ourt members include: Josh Helbig, Michelle Teter, John Ayers, Elizabeth Paesani.





# Getting on My Groove

**A** new comer to Southern, Andrea Kimble dances with her date Russell Crosco at prom. A majority of the couples danced all night long.

**P**rom was fun," Billy Sacs, senior, said. "All the girls looked nice and I liked getting my groove on with my friends."

Prom '98 was held at the Elks Lodge once again with approximately 340 in attendance. Members of the junior class Prom Planning Committee spent a day decorating for the dance.

"I had a fun time with all my friends and my date at prom," Chad

Lovett, junior, said. "The food was great, but three hours would have been long enough."

"I had a lot of fun at Prom and the DJ wasn't bad either," Christy DeWitt, senior, said. "The only bad thing was everyone spent half the night in line for pictures."

The DJ was Kurtiss Cross from Silver Spring and the pictures were taken by Fox Photographics.

"Being on prom court was a privilege for me," Michelle Teter, senior, said. "That's somewhere you get because your friends get you there. It was awesome because I got on there with Josh (Helbig) and we had a blast dancing."

Most students seemed to have a great night despite all the little complaints.

"Prom was great and being on court made it even better because I was on it with my boyfriend (John Ayers)," Liz Paesani, senior, said. "It was also great because your friends decide who is on prom court and it feels good when they choose you as one of them."

The king and queen for Prom were Jesse Black and Sara Sincell. For the first time the king wasn't present at Prom. J.R. Helbig took Jesse's place because of an illness.

• Katelyne McBee



**S**ara Sincell and J.R. Helbig pose for a picture after being crowned. J.R. stood in Jesse Black's place as king because Jesse had mono.

**S**isters Katelyne and Mariah McBee spend time with each other on their special prom night. "Prom was great," Katelyne said. "Mariah is a lot of fun to be with."





**T**aking a moment to pose for a picture are Beth Moon, Lisa Connelly and Jessica Moon. Students were given scopes featuring the pictures that were taken of them.



**T**he Big Man never fails. Jeremiah Johnson gestures to his opponent while sumo-wrestling. The size of the suits made it extremely difficult for the students to fight.



**W**hile playing pool, Andrea Kimble amazed many students. After Prom was filled with a variety of activities to keep the fun going all night long.

**P**ing-pong keeps Amanda Cogley and Chad Maroney busy. "I had a great time at After Prom," Amanda said. "It was great being able to hang out and play games with my friends."



## After Prom



**A**ir hockey seems to agree with Whitney Meyers. For the seniors, After Prom was an event to continue their legacy for one last moment.

**M**any girls, like Melissa Dixon, took this opportunity to get their nails done after receiving expensive manicures for prom. But, the fun didn't stop with prom.



## The most memorable Night continues



**T**he night of prom was expected to be one of the most memorable nights of a person's life. So, of course, when prom was over, the fun didn't stop.

After Prom was created to provide a safe, all-night hang out for all those enthusiastic party animals.

"I think that the idea of After Prom is great, because it keeps people safe on prom night," Gina Powell, sophomore, said. "I was happy to be able to go my sophomore year, and I had a blast. I'm definitely coming back."

After Prom was filled with a variety of activities to keep the fun going all night long. Students were kept busy with music videos, karaoke, sumo-wrestling, dancing,

movies and much more.

"I thought that After Prom was overflowing with things to do," Annie Neville, junior, said. "It was great to go straight from a formal dance to sumo-wrestling. All the crazy activities kept the night interesting. They prevented me from staying in one place too long and falling asleep."

Even with the crazy activities, most people seemed more excited about sharing the night with their friends.

"I liked it because I got to spend a lot of time with my friends," Bridget Miller, senior, said.

To make the night even better, prizes were given out. Belinda Whitehair won the \$500 junior prize and Jackie Stanley won the \$1,000 senior prize. However, even the small rewards

greatly amused the exhausted guests.

"After Prom was an interesting event," Megan Conroy, junior, said. "I won some McDonald's gift certificates and this kept my happy. Who wants \$500 anyway?"

For the seniors, After Prom was an event to continue their legacy for one last moment.

"After Prom continued our prom night in a positive way to make the night seem even more special," Frannie Coviello, senior, said. "When it was over, I realized that that night, along with my entire high school career, would soon be just memories."

All in all, After Prom, meant something different to everyone. It could be considered a hangout, a party, an adventure or a memory.

•Janet Cook





**T**he water at Broadford Park finds Carrie Dolan, Erin Orr and Jessica Hinebaugh rushing in. This was their version of the *Baywatch* opening.

**S**un bathing is a popular spring activity as shown by Jessica Farmer as she works on her tan. Students ignored health warnings of tanning.



## Out under the Bright Sun

**I** can't wait for spring because I love the smell and colors of the flowers," Bev Ackerman, sophomore, said. "I hate being in school when it's warm. I would rather be out in the sun."

Many students, like Bev, liked to be outdoors with the flowers while others just wanted to be outside.

"I like spring for many reasons," Robbie Brown,

sophomore, said. "I love going camping and hiking."

Spring meant warmer weather for athletes that loved outdoor sports.

"Spring is the time I love the most," Jeremy Murphy, sophomore, said. "I like to play softball, baseball and I really love racing." Jeremy could often be found weekends at Somerset, Pennsylvania, racing his go-cart. Her also brought back many prizes.

Other students preferred relaxing with the good old fishing pole. "I like to go fishing with my dad," Jonathan Lucas, sophomore, said. "I love going fly fishing the best."

Other students were looking forward to school related spring activities. "In the spring band season starts," Brandy VonHagel, freshman, said. "Anyway, school is almost over and I am looking forward to that."







Shelley Winters

"Every year I await summer vacation as if it were Christmas, but this year I realized that shortly this game of high school would be over; therefore I was split between two very strong emotions: one of joy for getting out of here and one of sadness for leaving my friends."

**M**any students liked to plant flowers in the spring. Jody Bowser is doing just that in large pots in front of the school.

**D**ay dreaming beside a shady tree, Sarah Winter is wishing she would be a senior so that her school years would be over.



# Spring Fever

**T**he secluded woods in Garrett County made for many a mile of wonderful trails. Angie Sincell and Jody Bowser are enjoying such a spot.



# turning of the tassels

**F**or 13 years the seniors had worked hard for this moment to arrive and within 50 minutes it was all over with.

A journey, which began in late August, 1985, ended when Mrs. Lynn Bell, principal, pronounced the senior class "graduated."

The seniors turned their tassels to the left side symbolizing this achievement and as they recessed back through the gymnasium, they entered into a new world.

"My high school days are over and in a way that's sad," Jackie Stanley, senior, said. "I'm finally out of here, but in a

few months, I will leave everything, my friends, family, everything that has ever meant anything to me. That's a little scary."

Mrs. Bell then proceeded with the ceremony by calling the graduates to the stage to receive their diploma.

During the hand shake, which coincided with receiving their diplomas, each senior gave Superintendent of Schools Dr. Wendell Teets a silver dollar, which was donated to the Don Lipscomb Memorial Scholarship.

"Donating money to Mr. Lipscomb's Scholarship fund was a great idea," Shelley Winters,

senior, said. "Not only are we helping students prepare for college, we are ensuring that Mr. Lipscomb's caring legacy will live on. It is great way to leave Southern High School."

The time came for 194 seniors to say farewell. The Class of 1998 completed 13 years of hard work and dedication.

They have attended numerous sporting events, taken part in numerous clubs and activities, enjoyed the happiness of victory and the agony of defeat, witnessed many proud moments and dealt with difficult ones.

•Carrie Filsinger



**R**eadng names, Mrs. Lynn Bell calls each senior to the stage to receive their diploma. This was one of the traditions the principal did at the end of each year.

**L**istening to speeches, Fran-nie Coviello, Brittney Decker, Christy DeWitt wait intently. Girls sat on one side of the gym and boys on the other.







**L**eaving the stage, Derek Everd is handed a red rose by senior class adviser Mrs. Mary Ann Shipe. Many graduates gave their roses to their mothers.



**W**ith diploma in hand, Justin Hershman shows his grandparents his accomplishment. Some family members had to watch graduation from the cafeteria on TV monitors due to limited seating in the gym.



**L**eading the band, Mr. Richard Clever directs the band during *Pomp and Circumstance*.



**H**anding down the mantle, graduating senior class president Jennie Grant puts the mantle around the neck of Crystal Hinnant, next year's senior class president.



**A**ddressing his fellow classmates, Jason Bernard delivers his valedictorian speech. Billoo Bhatnagar was named salutatorian.

**H**ugs were for free on graduation day as tears of joy were spread everywhere. With a rose in her hand, Jennifer Carlisle receives a hug from Tonya True.





**L**ook at me," Caine Chorpensing said. "I'm a little birdie." Even though they are a little old for the swing set, Nick Pratt, Caine, Jimmy Hart, and Mike Schwalm find time to get together and swing over the summer. "Huh, huh, huh," Jimmy said. "Swings is fun."

**M**embers of the girls' track team met at Uno's over the summer to see each other and catch up on old times. Clockwise from left are Amy Snyder, Becca Gangler, Faryn Shaffer, Anissa Jamison, Angie Sincell, Erin Hoalcraft, Lauren Rudy, Christy Hoalcraft, and Beth Sauder.

## 83 days Of freedom

**T**he one moment that everyone waited for since the beginning of school finally came on June 8. The last day of school was important for all students, marking the first of 83 days of pure heaven. Well, at least it was for some people.

"I couldn't wait for school to get out," Carrie Dolan, freshman, said. "I just wanted to be free and not worry about the restrictions of school and all that crap."

Students rapidly got out of the habit of waking up early, getting dressed and catching a ride to school.

"There was no way I was getting up before noon on any day," Nick Pratt, sophomore, said. "I just slept in and when I did get up I didn't do anything. That was the life."

Despite complete laziness of some people, others actually did stuff with their family or friends, mostly friends.

"Spending time with my friends was good," Jessica Hinebaugh, sophomore, said. "Spending time with my family was bad. Spending time in 100 degree weather, pasting up layouts in a dorm room, which I

eventually was locked out of, was hell."

One problem posed to most people over the summer was the lack of money supply. Due to the demand of money, some students actually had to work over the summer.

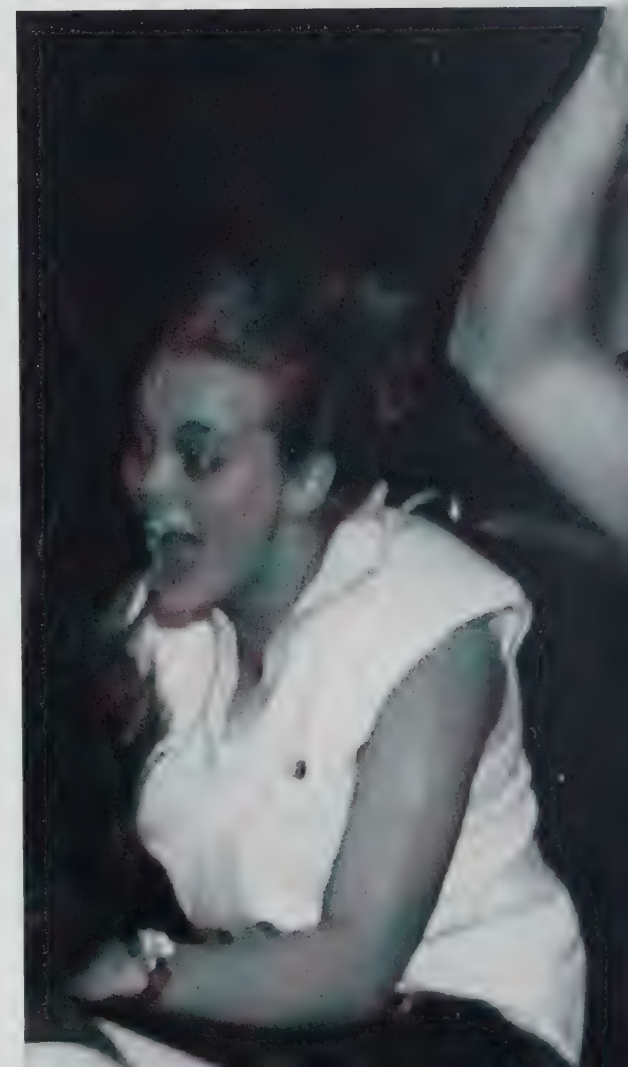
"I pumped gas and rented out boats to *torons*," Andrew Sisler, sophomore, said. (A *toron* is a tourist who is a moron.) "It was great because I met a lot of interesting people and just lounged around."

Even though some kids were tied down to summer camps or jobs, the majority just had fun until August 31 came around.

"I did a lot of fishing during the summer," Mikey Virts, junior, said. "It gives me time to think about everything that is going on in the world and other stuff like that. I also spend a lot of my fishing time not thinking."

All in all, people appreciated the break between school years and made every minute of it last forever.

"I miss summer," Brian Cathell, freshman, said.







**A**s he drops a whole eight feet from the sliding board, Steve Eiswert, a.k.a. "Mad Mardigan," prepares for the impact of the plunge. "Mad Mardigan to the rescue." Steve screamed, thinking he belonged in the movie Willow.

**D**eath to all massive foreheads." Andrew Grant screams as he (r) and Bod Jonson (l) attack Mark Ludwig with the "Noodles O' Death N' Torture." Mark was unsuccessful in escaping and was beaten with the weapons until he could no longer fight off his attackers.



Continuing to be a nuisance. Andrew Grant fires a water gun at his unsuspecting victims. Steve Eiswert and Anissa Jamison. Even though no one else was in the pool with Andrew, he remained entertained torturing the people who wanted to relax.



**A**s fourth runner up in the Miss Junior Teen Pittsburgh Pageant, Erin Orr will be getting ready for Nationals this coming summer in mid August. "I had a lot of fun doing this and plan to be a contestant in many more pageants because they interest me," Erin said.

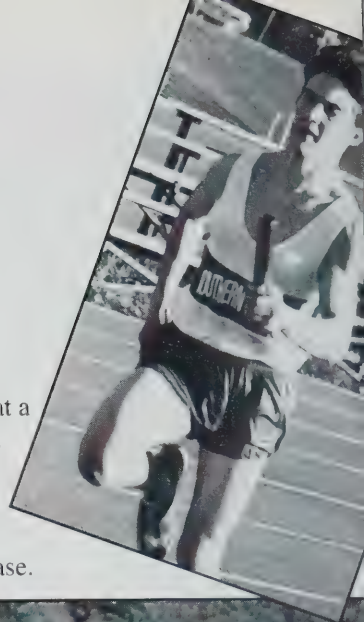
**D**uring the summer (far left) I went to Cedar Point with Jason Miller and rode the *Magnum*," Bridget Hartman said. "I finally got enough courage to ride it and I'm glad I did." The *Magnum* was the largest roller coaster at Cedar Point and with its 205 foot drop, one of the most popular.





Sean Conroy runs at a track meet at Beall.

Against Northern, a Ram softball player slides into second base.



John Andrews brings the ball down the field.




At a JV basketball game, Melissa Kuykendall throws the ball inbounds to Charlena Reeves

*in search of ...*  
**PRIDE**

At the local Broadford Park, Erin Hoalcraft runs during a cross country meet.







With a smile, Crystal Hinnant cheers for the football team.

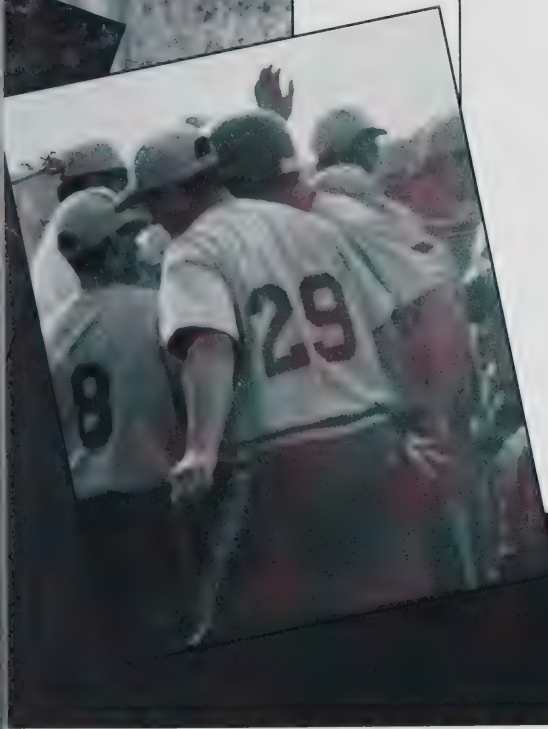
# showing our PRIDE

It began every time an athlete put on a Ram jersey. Pride. Athletics was a very important part of Southern High School. It ensured a freshman's first step toward adulthood and allowed seniors a chance to hold on to their lives as teenagers. Win or loose, we tried our hardest and if we never left the game with our trophy, we still won the hearts of our fans.

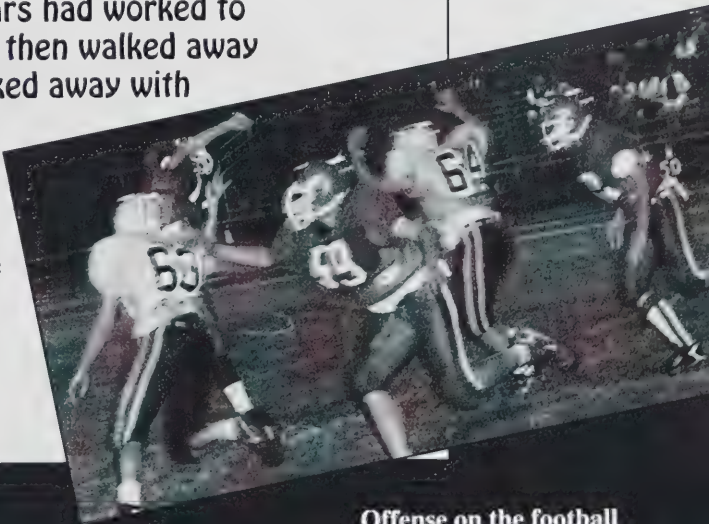
Through sports, our dreams became reality like when the Boys' Cross Country team captured its fifth state title in as many years; but sometimes our stars were too far to reach as when the Girls' Basketball team suffered a season ending loss to Westmar. They say winning wasn't everything, but these simple words of wisdom offered no condolence to an athlete who for four years had worked to reach this one game and then walked away with nothing; but they walked away with so much more, and it was these untaught lessons,

like how to work as a team, that made athletics such an important part of our lives.

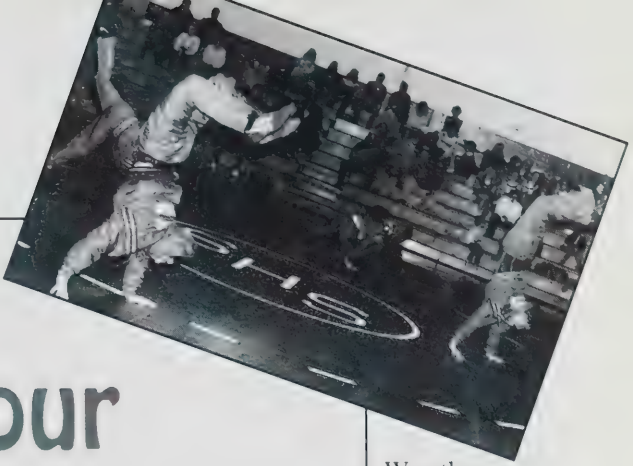
## sports




The baseball team congratulates each other after a win.



Offense on the football team goes through its motions.



Wrestlers Tommy Sweitzer, Nick Dolan and Eric Rexrode lead the pre-match warm-ups.



As the leader of the pack, Dan Sincell does what he did all season - he leads the way for the others to follow.



Pulling from the most inner depths of his heart, Casey McBee (r) strides to maintain his lead as Eric Rexrode brings up the left rear. Casey finished the race in fourth place with a time of 18:03.

This was the fifth year in a row that the boys' cross country team has won the state championship.

Dan Sincell, senior, led the team to a 130-2 record, but suffered an anterior crutiate ligament injury near the end of the season.

"Practices were really tough and challenging," Mike Bittinger,

# State wide domination

## continues into fifth year

senior, said. "Although practice took a lot of energy out of you, we still had enough to have a good time."

Since Sincell was injured, someone had to step up to fill the gap left by Dan's absence at the state championship. Beau Gibson, junior, finished second in the state, with a time of 17:50, far better than he had ever done before.

Casey McBee, junior, followed close behind Gibson at the state meet with a time of 18:03, and Eric Rexrode, junior, finished fifth in 18:11. Freshman Rusty Strubin was tenth in 18:35, Sean Conroy, senior, 14th in 18:50, Ted Wolf, sophomore, 18th in 19:14, and Mike Bittinger, senior, 22nd in 19:31.

"Winning was no problem, even with the injury," Coach Carl Booth said. "We expected to win. We went up against 132 schools this year, and only two of them beat us. The team was extremely confident and very well-rounded this year."

Coach Booth shared this confidence by predicting that Southern will tie the record for the most consecutive wins, held by Hereford High School, next November 14.

The cross country team's work and effort could all be summed up in a quote by Coach Bruce Shaffer of Dematha High School: "If I'd known you were coming, we'd have stayed home."

-Mike Paesani

**"Winning the State Championship meant a lot to me because I knew it would be the last time I ran with this team" - Dan Sincell**

As Dan Sincell stretches the State Championship banner out so everyone can see it, his fatigued teammates stand in the soup of accomplishment. Dan did not run at States due to an injury he suffered the night after regionals.



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As Pete Porcaro tries to beat out a Preston runner, Dan Shafer quickly closes in. Both of the Rams managed to pass and finish in front of the runner from Preston and help the team to yet another victory.



Proudly watching his team dominate the competition, Coach Carl Booth waits to give them some advice as they pass.

As Mike Bittinger crosses the finish line, he is relieved that his long run is complete. Mike was an All-State runner his sophomore and junior years. He finished in 22nd place his senior year, seven runners behind All-State cutoff placement.



Fighting for position at the beginning of the FSU Invitational, Casey McBee, Rusty Strubin and Ted Wolf try to pull ahead of a runner from Eastland. This was the only meet that the Rams lost all year, though they managed to obtain third place.\*

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**Front row:** Sean Conroy, Peter Porcaro, Rusty Strubin, George Tichnell, Eric Rexrode, Richard Cornelius, Daniel Shafer **Back row:** Daniel Sincell, Mike Bittinger, Beau Gibson, John Browning, Andrew Sisler, Casey McBee, Ted Wolf, Coach Carl Booth



Wearing a Northern Husky jersey is back up quarterback Justin Liller. The week of the long awaited Southern-Northern match-up, a select player had to wear the jersey. This was to make the rest of the team work harder and get ready for the game, as Andy Seib (29) is ready to display.

"It was a season filled with an abnormal amount of injuries," Coach Tom Woods said. "The loss of several key players throughout the season made it difficult to achieve any continuity. The effort of the entire team was excellent all year. We are all very proud of the

# Ability to create a *winning* *season*

senior class and their ability to lead us to another winning season."

Even though the team did not make playoffs, they managed to pull off another winning season. "Without an extremely dedicated coaching staff, we may not have won a game all season," John Ayers, senior, said. "The coaches have had 18 straight winning seasons, that speaks for itself."

Even though they had a shutout, many of the seniors were very upset after their last game. "I will really miss football because it is what I like to do best," Kenny Myers, senior, said. "I can go out and beat the crap out of people and I don't get in trouble for it."

Many of the injuries that occurred during the season caused Coach Woods to put some players on the field that were very young and that did not have very much experience.

"I think the loss of Josh Helbig hurt us in the position that he played, but one player does not make a team," Scott Beitzel, senior, said. "We could have used Josh, but we managed to have a winning season without him."

Coach Dave Bosley said that the coaching staff had to start many players that had not played very much on the varsity level.

Strength has a lot to do with the success of the team. The players have to be strong in order to block hard and drive the ball up the field. "Many of them did not do the necessary work in the off season to be successful," Coach Bosley said.

- Katy Ashby

**"The loss of several key players made it difficult to achieve any continuity"**

**- Coach Tom Woods**

Trying to run the ball up the middle, Jordan Uphold looks for a break in the front line. "The most exciting game of the year was by far Mussleman," Jordan said. "We stayed very close with them in the first half and it was a very physical game."



Jason Weaver (27) runs the ball against Tucker while Billy Stoner (75) looks to block for him. Billy was named to the second team All-Area, while Jason was an honorable mention.

## Press Box

20	Keyser	28
14	Mussleman	37
28	Preston	0
28	Hampshire	15
28	Tucker	20
16	Bishop Walsh	15
6	Fort Hill	45
0	Allegany	42
30	Northern	0

Won 5 Lost 4







Trying to explain a play to the offense in a Friday practice is Coach Tom Woods. As a head coach, Woods has a 68 percent winning average.



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As he leaps in the air, Scott Beitzel tries to retrieve a high pass. Scott missed many games of the season because of a torn bicep.



As Coach Scott Harvey watches, a pile up forms in front of him. "Being on the bottom of a pile is very uncomfortable because it's hard to breathe with a bunch of 200 pound guys on top of you," Jason Rohrbaugh said.



**Front row:** Jennie Grant, Bryanne Miller, Sheri Perando, Emily Nemith, Brianne Myers, "Sam the Ram" (Shelley Winters), Crystal Hinnant, Megan Mahaffey, Bethany Savage, Tonya Friend, Heather Hanline **Row two:** Chuck O'Brien, Danny Riley, Max Marshall, Steve Shiflett, Seth Sanders, Jeremiah Johnson, Josh Helbig, Chad Warnick, Andy Seib, John Ayers, Dave Lantz, Kenny Myers, Josh Perando, Scott Beitzel **Row three:** Keith Parks, Jesse Friend, Tommy Crosco, Tommy Diehl, A.T. Marucci, Josh Teets, Billy Stoner, Robert Unger, Lenny Ford, Jason Weaver, Nick Dolan, Virgil Moats, Ryan Channel, Eric Shaffer **Row four:** Nick Oliverio, Abe Van Meter, Christian Warfield, William Shiflett, T.J. Riley, Jason Finch, Tim Tasker, Josh Durst, Larry Bernard, Jordan Uphold, Chris Williams, Josh Bosley, Mike Lantz, Justin Liller **Back row:** Coach Dave Bosley, Coach Mike Sloan, Coach Tom Bosley, Coach Scott Harvey, Head Coach Tom Woods, Coach Jason Bateman, Mickey Chapman, Chris Rohrbaugh, Jason Rohrbaugh, Andrew Rickman, Brandon Shank, Nathaniel Panther, Tommy Thorne, Everett Weimer



Danny Riley spots for Jason Finch. "I had a hard time getting used to some of the lifts at the beginning, but I eventually caught on and it was a lot of fun," Jason said.

Students that enrolled in weight training did so because they wished to improve their strength.

"I joined weight training because I wanted to get stronger, but Coach (Fred) Gregg also taught us physiology to help us understand our bodies better and how lifting actually helped our performance," Mike Browning, sophomore, said.

Many students gained a considerable amount of strength as

# Gained strength and *broken records*

many of the records on the record board were broken.

Bryanne Miller broke the bench and military records for the female division. She benched 180 pounds, over 45 pounds more than second place.

Tim Wotring gained the first place spot on hang cleans, while Jesse James took over second place.

"Lifting takes a lot of determination," Holli Stemple, sophomore, said, "but if you stick to it, you come out feeling pretty good about yourself." Holli and Tonya Friend broke the hang clean record with the same weight, but that record was later broken by Liz Paesani.

Tonya was the only lifter in the history of the class to have a record in every lift. She was second in hang cleans, military and bench and third in squats.

Bob Unger managed to maintain the top lifting weight throughout the entire school year.

Dave Lantz broke the heavy weight record in military and John Ayers in hang cleans.

Whether individuals broke records or not, most of the students had fun and enjoyed their experience in weight training and also learned a lot about their bodies.

- Jessica Farmer



Susie Mosser militaries with the help of Liz Paesani. "This is my first time in weight training. It really helps you get in shape and feel great. I enjoy it even though I can't lift much," Susie said.

Aaron Baker works on his explosive strength on the jammer. "I took weight training because I wanted a different class and I wanted to learn different things about my body."





Bob Unger is  
working hard  
to squat his  
way to the  
top of the  
record board.


Max Marshall is warming up for maxes on hang cleans. Once every six weeks, students maxed out on four core lifts and that was how they received their grade.

Though he  
didn't  
manage to  
get to the top,  
he did place  
in the top  
three.



Doing 205 pounds, Mickey Chapman works on increasing his hang clean weight. "Weight training is fun because I like to push myself to see how far I can go."

As he hang cleans 205 pounds, Karlo Gesner learns proper form. "The first day of weight training, I could barely bench the bar. Now I can crush cante-loupes between my beautiful pecs."

 All photos by Karlo Gesner and Matt Walthall



The team takes a break in the shade at Bishop Walsh during halftime. "It was so hot that day, I couldn't wait for halftime so I could cool off," Karlo Gesner said.

"We had a great year," Boo Jonson, junior, said. "It's too bad we were cut short by terrible referees!"

Despite the poor officiating, the soccer team sported its best record ever. They finished one half of a game over the 500 mark and second in the Western Maryland Interscholastic League (WMIL), trailing only Flintstone.

The success was emphasized with the team's first wins over the area's traditional powerhouses such as Allegany, Fort Hill

# Shocking Competitors.

## gaining respect

and Westmar. They also recorded wins over fierce rivals such as Beall and Northern.

"I learned how to play with the big guys," Andrew Grant, freshman, said. Playing with good competition made the team play much better and improve throughout the season.

The final team record was quite deceiving. They played, arguably, the area's toughest schedule, which included two games against Bishop Walsh and Allegany, the area's second and third ranked teams.

The season ended abruptly in the first round of the playoffs against Allegany. It was the third meeting of the season for the two teams, as they split the first two.

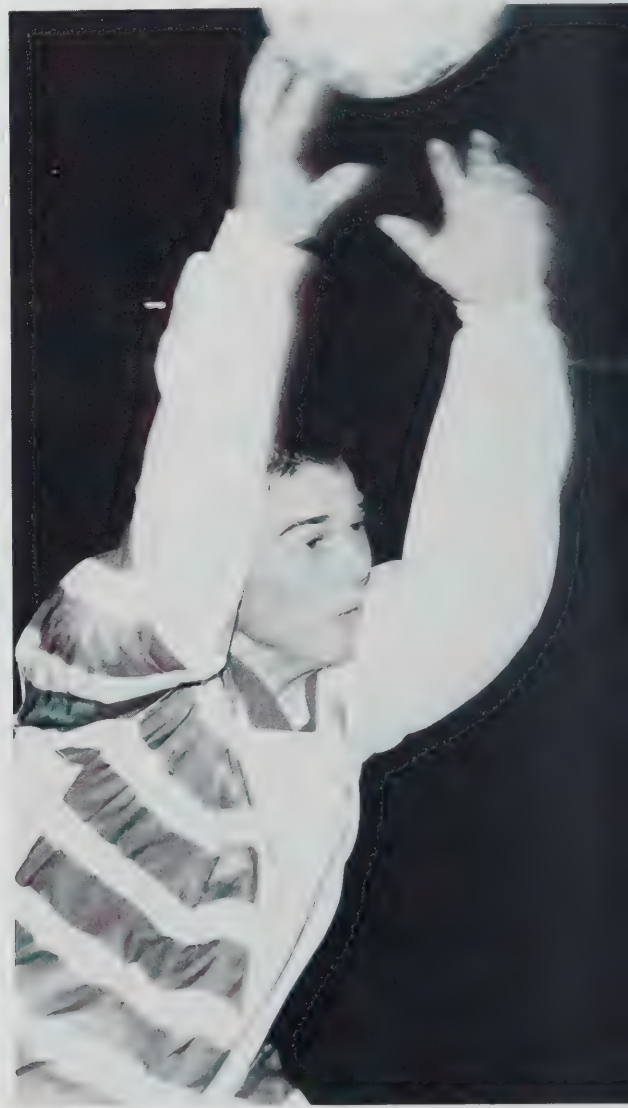
Not only was the team successful, three players won individual awards, as well. Karlo Gesner was an All-WMIL honorable mention, while John Menker and John Andrews were named to the first team. John was also named All-Area Offensive Player of the Year and was placed on the first team All-State.

"I think we really pushed ourselves this year and earned some respect from our competitors," Karlo Gesner, senior, said. "We surprised a lot of people as well as ourselves." - Steve Allison



During the final regular season game, John Andrews chases down the ball. The loss to Flintstone was disappointing, as the Rams would have won the WMIL championship had they won the game.

Boo Jonson puts all of his might into a throw in. Boo's skill and experience helped to anchor the team's defense.







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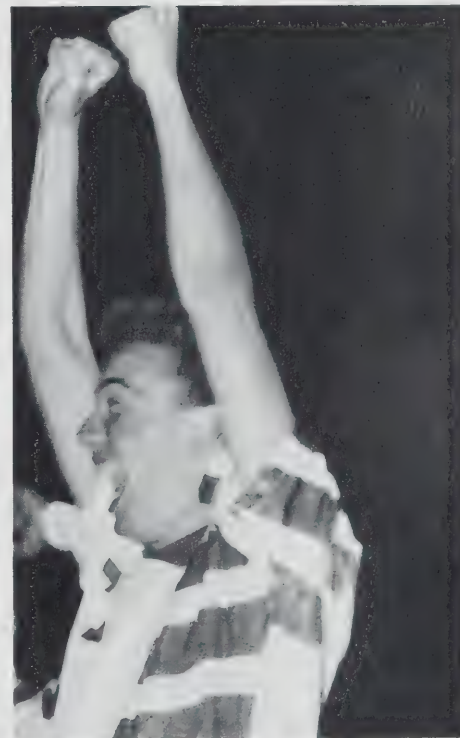
2	Allegany	1
2	Northern	1
1	Bishop Walsh	3
4	Beall	3
2	Fort Hill	1
8	Calvary Christian	1
0	Allegany	1
0	Bishop Walsh	2
4	Northern	0
0	Mt. Savage	2
5	Westmar	0
2	Flintstone	3
Playoffs		
3	Allegany	4
Won 7 Lost 6		

Looking to move the ball up the field is Area Offensive Player of the Year John Andrews. John led the team in points and was fourth in the area in scoring.



Mike Tressler heads the ball against Allegany in the first game of the season. The win shocked the Campers as well as gave the Rams much confidence in themselves.

Taking a pass from a teammate, Ricky Vecchoni drives toward the goal. Ricky's speed and skill greatly helped the offense.



Mark Ludwig celebrates a goal against Flintstone. "After we scored again, the whole team went berserk," Mark said. "I was so excited to be a part of the team and experience the excitement from a great season."



All photos by Liz Paesani

**Front row:** Chad Lovett, John Menker, Steve Pariseau, Jonathan Price, Karlo Gesner, Dustin Slider, Mike Tressler **Back row:** Andrew Grant, Nick Glotfelty, Derrick Nelson, Steve Allison, John Andrews, Mark Ludwig, Chris Friend, Jeff McDaniel, Boo Jonson, Ricky Vecchoni



Going up for a spike, Shelley Winters kills the ball. Shelley sometimes got out of control and spiked the ball against the wall of the gym.

"We had more wins, but I still was not very happy," Michelle Teter, senior, said. "We did not peak up to our potential. We could have done better."

Despite all the hard work and determination, the varsity volleyball team did not have a winning season. Their winning percentage was only 36 percent. Their record did increase, however, to four wins this year with only three wins last year. The hard work and determination did, however, affect the team.

"The last game of the regular season, we won one game

# Hard Work. determination didn't pay off

against Northern," Rachel Lane, senior, said. "Even though we lost the match, in the four years I have played, varsity has never taken a game from Northern."

The increase in wins could be because of the new coach. Coach Cindy Stem dropped her position of head coach to Gwen Evans.

Coach Evans said her first year coaching varsity was more demanding than she expected.

"It requires a great deal of more emotional, physical and mental energy than coaching at the JV level. It was disappointing in many ways. I felt we could have and should have done much better," Coach Evans said. "All and all I enjoyed the privilege of being varsity coach. I had a great group of varsity players that made it worth while."

The varsity volleyball team had a very enjoyable season with a lot of good memories.

"The most exciting thing that happened to me this season was blocking Coach Jason Shank during practice,"

Meredith Martin, senior, said. "In all four years of volleyball, I have never gotten a block before."  
- Erica Wilt

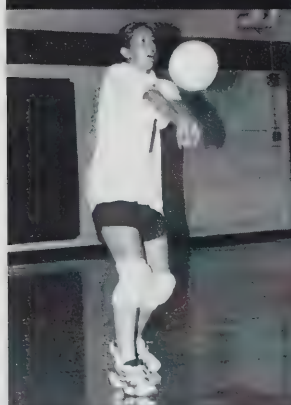
While warming up for a game, Jennifer Teagarden bumps the ball to her partner. "I really enjoyed playing volleyball because it challenged me to do my best."

While looking to add some points to the Ram's score, Jessica Saturday serves the ball to her opponents. "Jessica's serves were hard to return because they floated right over the net and it was hard to tell where they were going," Meredith Martin said.



## Press Box

3	Flintstone	0
3	Bishop Walsh	0
0	Allegany	0
0	Northern	0
1	Fort Hill	0
0	Mt. Savage	0
3	Beall	0
1	Westmar	0
0	Oldtown	0
0	Mt. Savage	0
1	Westmar	0
1	Fort Hill	0
1	Allegany	0
1	Northern	0
1	Playoffs	0
1	Allegany	3
1	Won 4 Lost 11	







Jennifer Teagarden bump sets a front row spiker during a game against Oldtown, hoping to get an assist. Jennifer was the back row starting setter and was the only starting sophomore on the team.



After a set that she could not spike, Rachel Lane sends the ball over the net with a bump pass. Rachel was voted captain of the team and was the starting server for almost every game.




While teammate Brittney Slider is there to assist her, Jessica Saturday digs up a spike from the other team. "I really enjoyed the season because we all got along well. We had a lot of fun on and off the court," Jessica said.



**Front row:** Shelley Winters, Meredith Martin, Liz Paesani, Rachel Lane, Michelle Teter **Row two:** Brittney Slider, Jessica Saturday, Missy Simmons **Back row:** Jennifer Teagarden, Keri Niner



As she returns a serve from Allegany, Liz Paesani demonstrates good passing form. "Liz is an exceptional team player. She has acquired a remarkable attitude towards the sport," Michelle Teter said.

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As she attempts to set the ball, Meranda Byers tries to make a good pass. Meranda could do many of the skills needed to help when the team got in trouble on the court.

"Beating Northern was the highlight of our season because it was our last game and Northern is our biggest rival," Melissa Kuykendall, sophomore, said. "Coach Jason Shank said that it was the best birthday present he ever got."

The junior varsity volleyball team had a big win against the Northern Huskies, the first time the Rams had beaten Northern

# Rival victory highlights a winning season

in 19 years.

Many players enjoyed all of the good times the team spent together, and will cherish all the memories.

"I really enjoyed all the good times we had at practice and the games," Amy Johnson, sophomore, said. "We worked very hard to come in second place." The team was second to only Mt. Savage in the WMIL standings.

The team had an excellent season and a lot of fun.

"This season was the best," Jessica Hinebaugh, sophomore, said. "We all pulled together on the court and had more wins than last year."

The JV coach also had a very fun and rewarding season.

"It was a very enjoyable year for me as a coach," Coach Shank said. "The team worked very hard in practice and it paid off during the games. I hope that everyone on the team realizes how much they have accomplished."

Dinks, spikes and blocks were many of the improvements the team made.

"The greatest thing that happened to me was getting my first dink against Northern and them not being able to return it," Kuykendall said.

Many of the team's best memories came from the last game of the season at Northern. They worked hard all year and the memories from their best game will not be forgotten.

- Erica Wilt

'Losing to Mt. Savage was hard, but they're a very good team. I think we could have played better by moving and talking more.' - Sarah Winter

As three teammates watch, Melissa Kuykendall attempts a difficult back-row spike. Luckily, the ball went over, even though Melissa did not get a kill. Overall, the team did not have very many kills; they did, however, have many good placements.



## Press Box

2	Flintstone	1
2	Bishop Walsh	0
2	Allegheny	0
1	Northern	2
2	Fort Hill	0
1	Mt. Savage	2
2	Beall	0
2	Westmar	0
2	Oldtown	0
1	Mt. Savage	2
2	Westmar	1
2	Fort Hill	1
1	Allegheny	2
2	Northern	1
Won 10 Lost 4		







Meghan  
Hickman  
concentrates  
hard on  
getting a  
good pass to  
the setter on  
a serve  
receive.  
Meghan had  
one of the  
best serve  
receives on  
the team.

While trying to see if her set was good enough for a spike, Amy Johnson runs by a teammate. Amy was the front row starting setter for all of the games.



Going up for a kill is Meranda Byers. "Meranda really improved on her spiking ability at the end of the year," teammate Jessica Hinebaugh said.



After a long pause to calm her nerves, Meranda Byers serves the ball to a Mt. Savage opponent. The team played hard, but came up short, losing 1-2.

**Front row:** Diane Gordon, Megan Hickman, Amy Johnson, Erica Wilt, Meranda Byers, Melissa Kuykendall, Sarah Winter, Jessica Hinebaugh **Back row:** Coach Jason Shank, Becky Griffith, Amy Parrack, Steve Ervin, Heather Boyce, Laura Johnson, Stephanie Foreman, Marcie Beachy, Carrie Steyer, Nikki Ravenscroft, Mayjel Skeweris

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Why are you guys standing there holding onto the wall? Maybe because it's the only place where Mike Paesani and Nate DiSimone feel safe. Many people tried to give them pointers, but it didn't seem to help.

Since there wasn't much to do on weekends in between seasons, students rounded up friends and headed out to try something new.

"Ice skating is something I always wanted to try, but never had the chance," Susie Mosser, senior, said. "When invited, I just had to go. It was a lot of fun and it would be great to have a rink in Oakland."

Driving to the YMCA Riverside Recreation Center in Cumberland gave a lot of students an alternative to a boring night.

Some loved the experience, but there were a few

# ...And we all *fall* *down*

in the crowd who couldn't quite pick up this new trade.

"Ice skating would have been fun if I could have skated," Nicole Frazee, junior, said. "Instead, I was on my butt the whole time."

Nicole obviously didn't have much fun falling, as well as a few others who attempted this, but it was all more enjoyable for others to watch.

"Going ice skating for the first time was quite an experience that I will remember for a long time," Jesse Coddington, junior, said. "I had some trouble at the beginning, but I caught on after a while."

Some people were surprised at their ability on the ice, considering most students had never skated before.

"I just went down to watch my friends but they kept bugging me to come skating with them, so I finally did it and it wasn't as hard as I thought," Jason Weaver, junior, said.

Some of the people who had never ice skated before almost did better than people who had done it on numerous occasions.

"I had been skating many times before, so I was able to skate better than most of them, but Jason (Weaver) really surprised me by how good he was for his first time," Sara Thomas, junior, said.

Overall, the ice skating experience was a very exhilarating experience for these students.

- Jody Bowser



Trying to look like a professional, Mike Paesani is trying to show Bill Stoner how it's really done at the YMCA Riverside ice skating complex in Cumberland.

Above right: Bill Stoner is going to be a little wet later on. Some of the guys who went ice skating found it fun to just slide across the ice instead of trying to stay on their feet. Bill got very fond of ice skating.






As Sara Thomas is lacing up her skates, Nicole Frazee is another one who kept close to the wall. This was Nicole's first and only time ice skating.

After a long day of skating, the struggle was finally over. Susie Mosser, Bill Stoner and Jesse Coddington are unlacing and getting ready to turn in their skates, relieving their tired feet and ankles.



Hoping to catch himself from a fall, Jesse Coddington grabs for the wall. This was Jesse's first time ice skating and he tried skating a few more times and got much better.

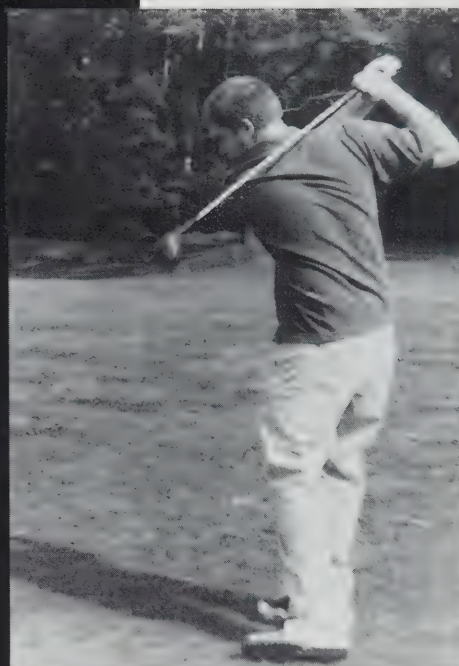
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Andi Bender and Jody Bowser are trying to have all the fun they can skating until next time by spinning each other around. Some people were easily amused.



Trying to catch up, Mike Avona tries to hit his best. Mike ended the day with a 70. "Golf is fun because I get to hit a little ball as hard as I can and watch it go swimming because I'm not too good," Mike said.



Although they did not have the best year, the golf team had a year of fun and heavy competition.

The golf team had only one member of the team go to states, Kane Wengerd, who finished 18th out of 132.

"I really thought the season went well," Kane, junior, said. "Justin DiSimone and Justin Stephens were pleasant surprises and Bryson (Paugh), well ...he's Bryson."

Bryson was the second man on the team, the person nearest to Kane's ability. For the year, Bryson had 64 strokes more than

# Year of fun, *heavy* *competition*

Kane did.

There was something that the golf team hasn't had for a while, though other teams have, a girl golfer. Misty Sharpless wasn't the best golfer on the team, but she managed to help the rest of the team laughing.

One of the year's most disappointing incidents was when Todd Hetrick, freshman, picked up a ball that he putted within an inch of the hole.

"I usually play with my dad, and he lets me pick them up when it is that close," Todd said.

The team had two coaches during the year, but they didn't coach at the same time. The first was Mr. Matt Hill who had to leave for a job in Florida.

The second was Mr. Loren Bowser, the carpentry teacher, who took over the golf team in the middle of the season.

Mr. Bowser, the boys' track coach, said that he didn't know much about golf, but wanted the team to be able to continue to play.

Though the team wasn't the best on the course, they had fun getting out of school early to play golf on some of the nicest courses around.

- Josh Sines

**"I was glad to finally get the season underway, but as always, it was disappointing to lose to Northern." - Kane Wengerd**

Talking with Matt Settle of Northern, Kane Wengerd (r) prepares for the first match of the year. Kane was the only one from the team to go to states.

## Press Box

194	Beall	189
194	Preston	178
172	Keyser	160
178	Bishop Walsh	212
172	Beall	189
168	Allegheny	189

### Playoffs

400	Allegheny	358
189	Preston	175

Won 1 Lost 6



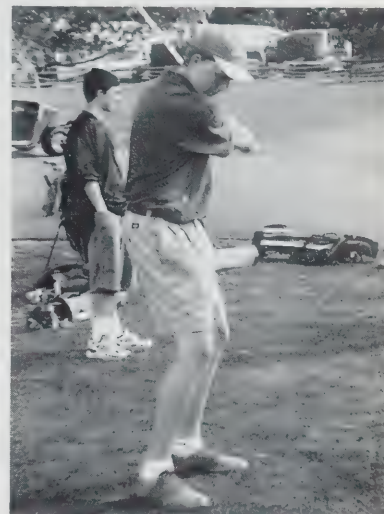




Claiming his victory, Kane Wengerd casually finishes his last two holes. Kane finished with a 40 for the match. "I was happy to finally get the golf season underway, but I was disappointed as always, to lose to Northern," Kane said.


Warming up for the first match, Todd Hetrick swings his Big Bertha 3 wood. Todd was later disqualified for not finishing a putt. "I usually play with my dad, and he lets me pick them up when it is that close," Todd said.

Asking Todd Hetrick about his new club, Justin Stephens (r) prepares to start playing in the first match of the year. "I think our first match was the first time I've ever seen Bryson Paugh nervous." Justin said.



**Front row:** Brian Roderick, Bryson Paugh, Josh Sines **Back row:** Todd Hetrick, Justin Stephens, Kane Wengerd

Looking at David Simmons' new shoes, Justin Stephens, Mike Avona and Brian Roderick wait for the other team to show up. The team finished second out of three teams.

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Hoping to keep her lead, Megan Conroy is sprinting up the course. She helped the girls beat over 100 teams during the season by working hard and being dedicated to the team.

For the fifth year, the girls' cross country team went to States and returned home with smiles on their faces.

Finishing second overall, all of the girls, along with Coach Louie Newcomb, were very proud of their accomplishment.

"I think that everyone worked hard and we all knew what we had to do to make it to States," Angie Sincell, sophomore,

# States produces *more than just smiles*

said. "It was an awesome year for everyone."

The girls' long list of achievements extended as they easily coasted to a first place victory over six other schools that participated in the WMIL Championships.

Southern ended at 29 points with Westmar a distant second with only 49.

"That race I worked my hardest," Beth Sauder, sophomore, said. "It was a great season!"

Beth had an excellent year, placing 17 in the race for area champs and fifth at the WMIL.

After the FSU Invitational meet, Angie Sincell was the state's sixth ranked 1A runner, while Erin Hoalcraft was in at 13 with Amy Snyder at 15.

The girls sported a remarkable list of achievements considering the amount of runners with injuries. Jody Bowser, Kristi Hoalcraft and Erin Hoalcraft were among the names on that list.

"Everyone practiced as hard as they were able until eventually their bodies gave out," Coach Newcomb said. "The girls gave 110 percent and beat over 100 teams. Allegany was just a little better, but all in all they did an excellent job." - Nick Pratt

Jody Bowser is striving toward the finish line to help bring home another victory. Jody had an injury during the season that kept her from running to her full potential.

After receiving their all state awards, Northern's Rachel Leverenz, along with Southern's Angie Sincell, Amy Snyder and Erin Hoalcraft are showing off their medals. These four were among the top 15 runners in the state.



## Press Box

Broadford	1 out of 3
Mt. St. Mary's Invitational	7 out of 17
Broadford	1 out of 4
Boonsboro Invitational	3 out of 18
29 Preston	43
University	87
Uniontown Invitational	3 out of 14
FSU Invitational	5 out of 18
Area Championships	1 out of 10
WMIL Championships	1 out of 6
Regional Championships	2 out of 9
State Championship	2 out of 14
Won 103 Lost 16	







At Broadford Park, Angie Sincell prepares to pass Northern's Rachel Leverenz. Angie was the top runner for the Southern girls.



Due to an injury, Kristy Hoalcraft is being helped off the course by Mrs. Bittinger and Keri Strubin. Kristy ran with injuries throughout the entire season.

Although she is not competing, Devon McClive helps the team by comforting her teammates. Motivation, such as this, helped the girls reach States for the fifth year.



**Front row:** Nicole Frazee, Anissa Jamison, Erin Hoalcraft, Keri Strubin, Angie Sincell, Katelyne McBee, Kate Moomau, Maria Hines **Row two:** Mariah McBee, Annie Neville, Rilene Lloyd, Devon McClive, Amanda Pagenhart, Kristin Spurrier, Beth Sauder, Megan Conroy, Erin Lucas **Back row:** Coach Louis Newcomb, Jody Bowser, Christy Hoalcraft, Erin McClive, Amy Snyder



With many opponents behind her, Amy Snyder pushes hard to finish the race. She was one of the captains for the girls' team and was an all-state runner for the third year in a row.

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Sheri Perando is brave for being one of the flyers for the stunts. This stunt took a lot of concentration and coordination along with bases, Crystal Hinnant and Brianne Myers, who know what they were doing.

The cheerleading season began in early June. The cheerleaders worked hard all summer to give the fans something to cheer about. They went to a camp in July and came back with a spirit stick for being the most spirited team throughout the camp. They came into the season prepared to razzle and dazzle the fans into a spirit frenzy.

The squads welcomed a new head adviser, Mrs. Amy

# Advisers bring more *school spirit*

Nemith, and two assistant advisers, Mrs. Diane Arnett and Ms. Wendy Craver. All of them brought some creative ideas to the meaning of school spirit.

"One of the most enjoyable things about being a cheerleader was participating in the homecoming parade and bonfire pep rally," Alison Rudy, senior, said. "I hope it becomes a Southern tradition."

Along with the new advisers came new squads. This was the first year that there were two separate squads for football and basketball seasons.

"Having two squads was really hard because once we got used to one, we had to get a new one," Sheri Perando, junior, said. "Due to having tryouts for the basketball squad, we had less time to learn everything."

Another change was that sophomores were invited to join the varsity squad. Also, two freshmen, Marlana Beitzel and Erin Orr, were helpful additions to the varsity squad.

"At first, I did not think that I would like having freshmen and sophomores on the varsity squad," Crystal Hinnant, junior, said. "But after spending a lot of time with those girls, I realized my feelings were wrong. They were a great addition to the squad and I was lucky to have them as my best friends."

The JV squad also had their hands full taking on the duties for cheering at football, soccer and basketball games, including cheering with the varsity squad at homecoming.

"One of my favorite memories was from the last football game at Northern," Andrea Savage, freshman, said. "It was raining and we were all freezing, but it was still fun."

- Andi Bender

**'Having two squads was really hard because once we got used to one, we had to get a new one.'**  
- Sheri Perando



V is for Victory! Heather Hanline and Jennie Grant show off their victory poses at a basketball playoff game against Westmar. The cheerleaders did a great job of getting the crowd involved throughout the year.



Front row: Alice Crosco, Lisa Connelly, Leah Miller, Carrie Dolan, Marlana Beitzel Row two: Audrey Shipe, Erin Orr, Andrea Savage, Gina Powell Back row: Coach Diane Arnett, Coach Wendy Craver, Shelley "Sam the Ram" Winters, Coach Amy Nemith





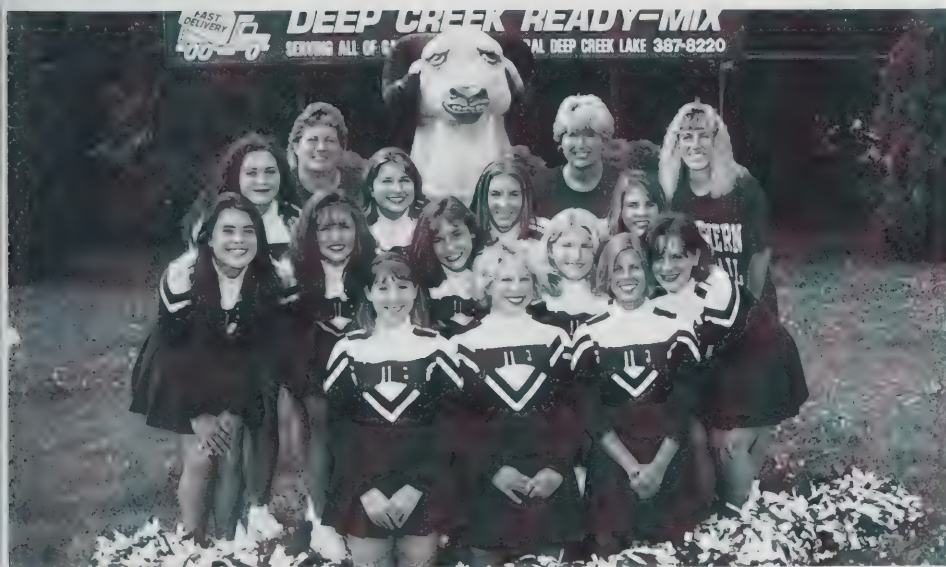
During the half time dance routine, Megan Mahaffey and Emily Nemith get the crowd pumped up. Most of the fans looked forward to half time.



Crystal Hinnant loves to cheer the football team to a touchdown by shaking her pom-poms. By the look on her face, it worked.



**Front Row:** Marlana Beitzel, Jennie Grant, Sheri Perando **Row two:** Erin Orr, Emily Nemith, Heather Hanline **Back Row:** Bethany Savage, Crystal Hinnant, Megan Mahaffey, Brianne Myers



**Front row:** Sheri Perando, Jennie Grant, Alison Rudy **Row two:** Tonya Friend, Heather Hanline, Emily Nemith, Bethany Savage, Bryanne Miller **Row three:** Megan Mahaffey, Brianne Myers, Crystal Hinnant, Toni Sullivan **Back row:** Coach Diane Arnett, Shelley "Sam the Ram" Winters, Coach Amy Nemith, Coach Wendy Craver



**Front row:** Leah Miller, Alice Crosco, Sheena Reese, Carrie Dolan **Back row:** Gina Powell, Audrey Shipe, Andrea Savage, Evie White



Leaping high above his Preston opponents, Mike Paesani lays the ball into the basket. Mike led the team in rebounding, was second in scoring and was the team's co-MVP.



The season started out with a record of 6-6 and not looking too good. Reaching their goals they set at the beginning of the year didn't look too promising, but through hard work and maybe their "lucky belongings," they managed to accomplish many of them.

"I had a pair of lucky underwear that every player had to touch before each game," John Andrews, junior, said. "I guess it worked because we wound up having a pretty good season."

# *Lucky underwear* gives players strength

Maybe it was the lucky underwear, but most likely it was their practices. "Practices were hard because of all the sprinting drills we did," Mike Paesani, junior, said. "It wasn't too bad, though, because touching the lucky underwear gave us strength and courage to work hard."

Though all of the team goals were not accomplished, many were. The team won the WMIL Championship and were runners-up for the Area Championship.

"You never achieve unless you win that last game you play – thus a State Championship," Coach Tom Bosley said.

But the season wasn't only about reaching goals. Many of the members had a great time on the court and in the locker room.

"Me, John (Andrews) and (Jonathan) Price would listen to 'Super Freak', go crazy and run naked before games," Mike Pamepinto, junior, said.

- Desiree Spady

Determined to get off a shot without getting blocked is Jonathan Price. Price was a good rebounder because was able to jump high above his opponents.

With a determined look on his face, Josh Helbig tries for two fast break points against a Beall defender. Josh was chosen as the best defensive player. Many felt he was deserving of this because of the amount of blocks he had for the season.

As he looks for an open man, Mike Pamepinto dribbles down the floor. Mike led the team in three pointers for the season, as his brother did two years ago.



## Press Box

52	Bishop Walsh	57
52	Mt. Savage	33
59	Westmar	47
49	Beall	29
33	Preston	34
50	Beall	41
45	Bishop Walsh	62
46	Fort Hill	69
74	Mt. Savage	45
61	Allegany	84
70	Northern	53
59	Tucker	73
58	Bishop Walsh	57
59	Allegany	56
47	Keyser	45
70	Northern	60
51	Westmar	42
69	Beall	54
46	Tucker	49
50	Fort Hill	45
53	Keyser	50
29	Preston	30
	Playoffs	
41	Beall	21
44	Westmar	49
	Won 15 Lost 9	







Showing off his scoring ability and agility, John Andrews scores on a Keyser defender. John led the team in scoring and foul shooting and was the leading foul shooter in the area.



All photos by Liz Paesani

At practice, Aaron Janes works on his jumping and dunking ability so he will be able to show it off in games. Aaron was one of the only people on the team that could dunk.

Nathan DiSimone tries to dribble around Mike Pamapinto during one of their many drills at practice. The team did many drills at practice, such as this one, so they were able to perform well in games.



**Front row:** Managers Emmitt Michaels and A.J. Bender **Row two:** Nate DiSimone, Chris Ewing, John Andrews, Mike Pamepinto, Mike Harvey, Derek Everd, Jesse Coddington, Reggie Ridder **Back row:** Coach Dave Bender, Jonathan Price, Jason Garland, Mike Paesani, Aaron Janes, Josh Helbig, Mike Bittinger, Head Coach Tom Bosley, Coach Matt Redinger



On his way to the basket, Jayson Garland moves around a Keyser defender. Jayson was a part-time starter and added great strength under the basket.



Warming up before the game, Annie Neville works on passing into the post. Her teammates agree that Annie worked hard all year and improved greatly by the end of the season.

"The season was a roller-coaster ride," Coach Don Stemple said. There was much turmoil surrounding the team from not knowing who was going to finish the season as head coach to having to adjust to many injuries that plagued the team.

Coach Bill Dignan was asked to step aside as

# *'Roller-coaster ride'*

## brings great memories

head coach, but was unsure when, or if, he would be able to return.

The season brought forth a lot of heart ache, but also a lot of great memories.

"My best memory was when we played Northern the second time," Bridget Miller, senior, said. "The game was close in the fourth quarter, but we went out and 'played like red-necks' and beat them for the second time this season."

The most devastating loss the team endured came at the hands of their biggest rival, Westmar, in the playoffs. They were down by as many as 21 points in the fourth quarter, but came back to tie the game with a minute left, and were then forced to foul in the final seconds.

"The funniest thing that happened was when Katelyne (McBee) went to jump stop, and she fell on her butt," Michelle Teter, senior, said. "No one in the gym could stop laughing."

The heart ache and disappointment of the season will eventually subside, but the memories are the things that will last forever.

- Liz Paesani

After pump faking to get her opponent off her feet, Michelle Teter gets ready to blow by her. "Pump faking is a necessity for me. I was tired of people blocking my 5'3" shot."



### Press Box

53	Mt. Savage	62
30	Frankfort	52
54	Preston	51
62	Westmar	40
64	Meyersdale	72
52	Somerset	47
57	Westmar	54
39	Frankfort	63
51	Bishop Walsh	45
73	Beall	21
32	Allegany	57
55	Fort Hill	43
51	Bishop Walsh	58
48	Northern	44
57	Mount Savage	64
38	Tucker	72
39	Allegany	60
31	Tucker	88
47	Northern	38
52	Preston	43
69	Beall	41
50	Fort Hill	41
	Playoffs	
57	Hancock	53
54	Westmar	59
	Won 13 Lost 11	







Practicing her 3-pointers before a game is Bridget Miller. Bridget had more 3-pointers than any other varsity girl in Southern history. She was also the second leading scorer on the team.



Cheering with Coach Gary Newcomb after a late comeback are members of the team. The Rams were able to pull out many games in the last minutes because of all of the conditioning they did at practice.

Warming up for a game is Shannon Elliott. Shannon didn't play much, but she worked hard in practice and was a good asset to the team.



With her big hands spread, Jessica Saturday gets ready to catch an inbound pass. Jessica was the leading scorer on the team with 355 points.



Head Coach Don Stemple, Toni Sullivan, Jennifer Teagarden, Becca Gangler, Shannon Elliott, Laura Friend, Jessica Saturday, Bridget Miller, Elizabeth Paesani, Annie Neville, Michelle Teter, Katylene McBee Coach Gary Newcomb



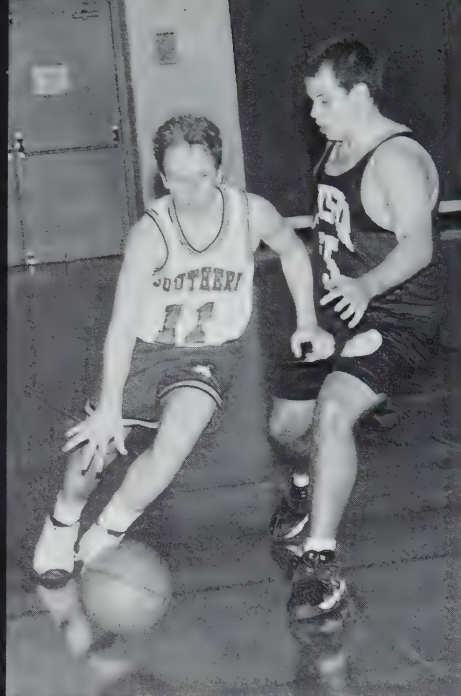
Liz Paesani calmly sinks two free throws to seal the win in a close game against Northern. "My foul shots were really bad at the beginning of the year, but as I worked on them a lot, they got a lot better. And even though they were really bad, I never missed a clutch free throw."

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## Varsity Girls' Basketball



As Nathaniel Panther pushes the ball up the floor, he blows by a Keyser defender. Nat was the third leading scorer as the Rams finished the season with a 17-3 record.



"It was pretty groovy being part of the best JV team ever because basketball is my life," Jason Finch, sophomore, said.

The JV boys finished the season with a 17-3 record. It was the best record in the school's history. The key to having this winning team was the cooperation and teamwork that was involved. Most of the players have been playing together for many years.

The team was lead by Mike Browning, who averaged 9.4 points and 5.15 rebounds per game. "Spaceman (Browning) was an awesome player because he was aggressive and played hard consistently," Nat Panther, sophomore, said.

# Cooperation. teamwork brings best record ever

The Rams scored a total of 1,119 points throughout the season and held their opponents to a mere 773 for a scoring differential of 16.9 points. They also had a 47 percent field goal percentage and a 61 percent free throw average.

"I feel that our success had a lot to do with the depth of the team," Josh Bosley, sophomore, said. "We were able to go eight to 10 every night, which kept everyone fresh and ready to go."

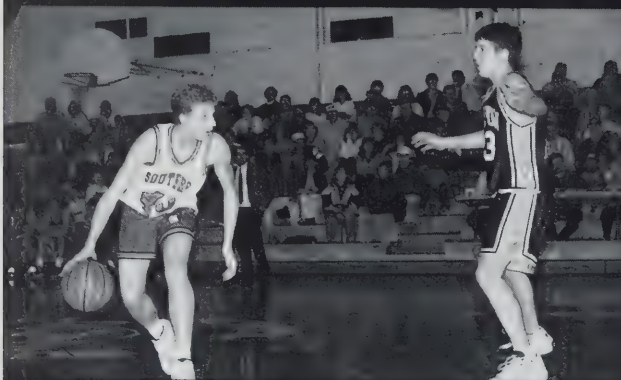
To go along with their scoring domination, the Rams only turned the ball over 2.6 times a game and had 187 steals.

"I enjoyed this year as much as any," Coach Jim Bosley said, "not only having the best record ever, but also because of the outstanding kids I had to work with."

- Jason Rohrbaugh

## Press Box

49	Bishop Walsh	46
87	Mt. Savage	22
76	Westmar	36
52	Beall	30
70	Preston	72
49	Fort Hill	40
87	Mt. Savage	18
41	Allegheny	34
53	Northern	25
59	Tucker	62
61	Bishop Walsh	43
35	Allegheny	46
44	Keyser	37
70	Northern	42
59	Westmar	39
52	Beall	30
46	Tucker	42
54	Fort Hill	44
35	Keyser	28
40	Preston	37
Won 17 Lost 3		



Justin Liller scans the court as the Rams set up their offense. Justin was the back up point guard for Nat Panther and also played a shooting guard.

Mike Shahan looks for an outlet pass while being guarded by Jason Rohrbaugh. "Our defense was one of the best in the area because we had a lot of size and also quickness," Jason said.





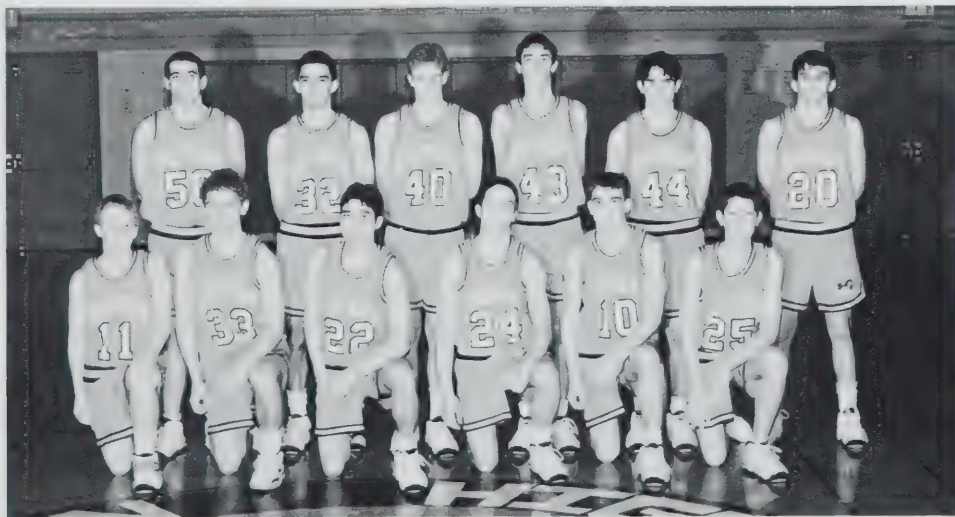
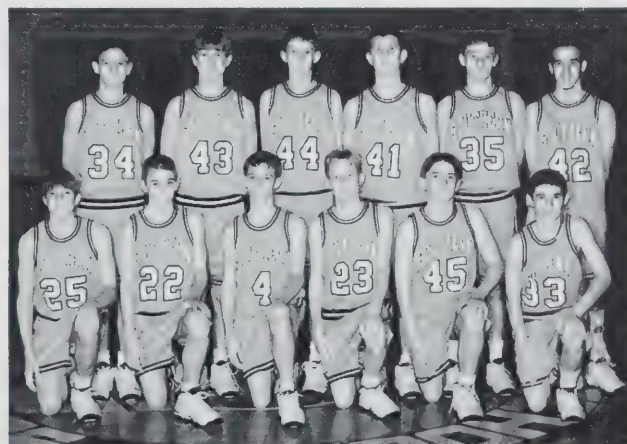


While battling for a rebound, Jason Rohrbaugh tips the ball away from Justin Stephens. The team practiced hard every day and it paid off; they were WMIL champs and the leading free throw shooting team in the area.


Christian Warfield looks to score on Billy Martin during practice. "Basketball was a good experience because I had the chance to improve my skills each day," Christian said.



After pulling down a rebound, Mike Browning puts the ball back up strong. Mike led the team in scoring and rebounding.



**Front row:** Keith Steyer, Mike Saturday, Ryan Ewing, Jason Lottmann, Josh Sharon, Justin DiSimone **Back row:** Keith Bennett, Steve Eiswert, Brian Panther, Jamie Bosley, Chip Stoner, Josh Stephens

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**Front row:** Nathaniel Panther, Josh Bosley, Christian Warfield, Mike Shahan, Jason Rohrbaugh, A.J. Tressler **Back row:** Jason Finch, Billy Martin, Justin Liller, Justin Stephens, Mike Browning, Ryan White



Trying to get a shot off is Joy Jackson. Joy only took 38 shots all year, but she was selected as the best defender.

"I had another enjoyable year as the JV coach," Head Coach Jason Shank said. "I felt that many of the girls showed improvement and played to their potential. I also feel that we also represented our school well by showing good sportsmanship, playing hard and always being competitive."

# Unfor- gettable moments outweigh inexperience

Charlena Reeves was the leading scorer with 222 points, averaging 12.3 points a game.

"My most unforgettable experience was the first time we played Preston," Charlena, freshman, said. "We were down by 20 points, but a few fast breaks had me running down the floor 'raising the roof.' We wound up losing by only three points, but I got lectured by about six coaches not to 'raise the roof' again because it was poor sportsmanship."

The team was rather young. Only three players from last year's team returned to the JV, and only five out of the eight players had any game experience at all.

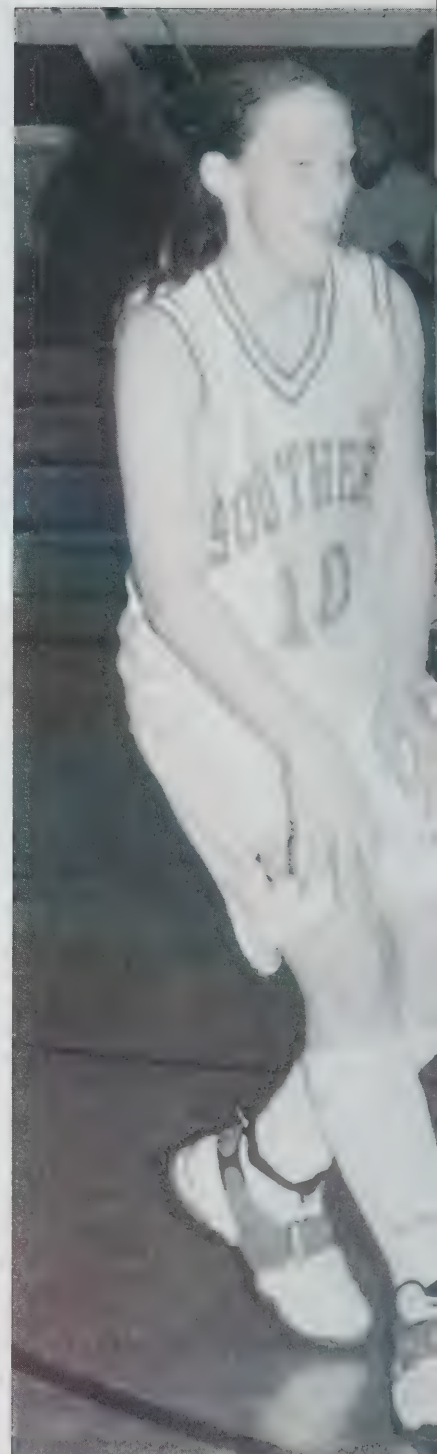
"There were a lot of unforgettable things that happened," Joy Jackson, sophomore, said. "What sticks out in my mind the most was when we played Allegany. I had four fouls at the start of the third quarter. I played the rest of the game without fouling out and I had nine points."

Joy was the team's second leading scorer with 97 points, averaging 5.4 points a game.

Though they did not have a winning season, they all managed to have fun and learned about basketball.

- Melissa Kuykendall

As she steps through two defenders, Charlena Reeves puts up a shot. Charlena had 222 points for the season and led the team in scoring.



## Press Box

6	Frankfort	36
36	Preston	39
26	Westmar	42
19	Frankfort	43
24	Bishop Walsh	23
31	Beall	17
27	Allegany	38
32	Fort Hill	28
30	Bishop Walsh	33
36	Northern	41
28	Tucker	62
32	Allegany	47
30	Tucker	56
28	Northern	26
34	Preston	36
37	Beall	12
24	Fort Hill	34
Won 5 Lost 13		







Faking out a defender to get open is Jessica Upole. Jessica was the starting point guard and had 50 points on the season.



Throwing up a shot in hopes of getting a foul, Charlena Reeves hopes to make the basket as well. Charlena led the team in scoring in 14 of the 18 games. She also led the team in rebounding.



Looking to get up a shot before a defender gets to her is Melissa Kuykendall. Melissa got a lot of outside shots because of her position.



**Front row:** Managers Ashley Liller, Kim Teter, Jennifer Bosley **Row two:** Jessica Brenneman, Heather Brenneman, Charlena Reeves, Ashlee Spady, Holly Shaffer, Jessica Upole, Melissa Kuykendall, Joy Jackson, **Back row:** Head Coach Jason Shank

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Trying to keep Jesse Shimrock in control is Eric Rexrode. Eric was one of the best wrestlers on the team and placed third at States in his weight category.

While the wrestling team did considerably well, with nine wins and five losses, as individuals, most of the wrestlers felt that they could have improved upon their performance.

"This season was a disappointing one for me as an individual, only placing third at States," Eric Rexrode, junior, said. "I was ranked ahead of

# Young team does well in winning season

both of the higher placers in my weight class."

The most improved player, according to the wrestling coach Kurt Lear, was Ricky Hamilton. He did not make it to States due to the fact that he was wrestling off with John Hayhurst, who, as a freshman, qualified for States.

"I was really disappointed that I couldn't get in the lineup this year, even though I worked harder than most of the others," Ricky, a junior, said.

Others were generally happy with the overall outcome.

"This season was a success for me and the team. I met many of my goals, but fell short at States," Nick Dolan, junior, said. "I was satisfied with fourth place, but felt that I should have done better."

While many were disappointed with the season, a few carried a simple perspective. "I had a lot of fun and I don't know what I would do without wrestling," Nick Sines, freshman, said.

- Sarah Winter

Nick Dolan looks exhausted as he tries to get control of a Northern wrestler. "One of the things that sticks out in my mind the most is when I broke a kid's arm."



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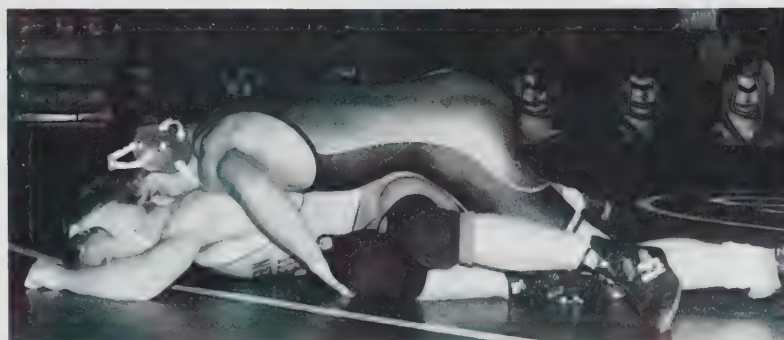
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37	Hyndman	32
36	Fort Hill	34
29	Northern	42
33	Keyser	36
54	Allegany	16
30	Northern	39
32	University	43
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48	Beall	21
53	Westmar	23
48	Meyersdale	18
Hyndman Forfeit		
Won 9 Lost 5		



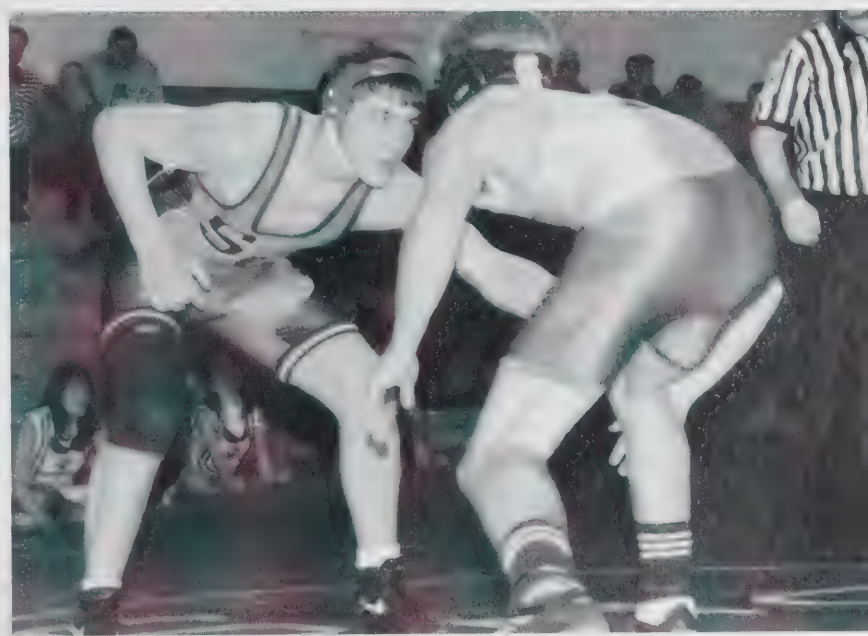




With a determined look, John Hayhurst gets ready for a takedown. John qualified for the state tournament, though he did not place.



As they warm up before a match, Russell Croscio and T.J. Riley put some moves on each other. Coach Kurt Lear was very pleased with the team and thought that they wrestled very well.



Tommy Sweitzer looks to get a pin on Northern's Nate Kauffmann. Tommy was one of the best wrestlers on the team and also in the area.

During practice, Bob Unger practices his takedown on Steve Shiflett.

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**Front row:** Nick Sines, Jeff Tichnell, Ricky Hamilton, Russell Croscio **Row two:** Steve Shiflett, John Hayhurst, Nick Dolan, Eric Rexrode, Sean Conroy **Back row:** T.J. Riley, Rob Unger, Josh Teets, Tommy Sweitzer



As she blows by her opponents, Liz Paesani makes her way to the basket. Liz was a member of the volleyball team and the track team, where she earned a silver medal at states for the 4x400 relay. She was also selected as Female Athlete of the Year."

Who was the most talented multi-sport athlete to ever go through Southern? The most common response to this question was "Meghan Dabney."

Meghan was definitely the most ideal athlete to ever go through Southern; she participated in five sports in one year and still maintained a 4.0 GPA. No other athlete at Southern has ever done so.

Angie Sincell had the privilege of running with Meghan in cross country and track.

# One of a kind athletes

"Meghan is an astonishing person and athlete because of her great personality and all of her athletic accomplishments in her high school career," Angie, a sophomore, said.

Playing more than one sport requires a person to be dynamic and, at the same time, talented. John Andrews was both of these.

"I enjoy playing three sports because it gives me something to do all the time instead of just watching TV," John, a junior, said. "I would have too much free time if I didn't play sports."

For other students, keeping grades up and playing sports was quite an accomplishment.

"There aren't too many people who can participate in three sports, so just being able to keep up with all of my sports and still get half decent grades is a reward in itself," Michelle Teter, senior, said.

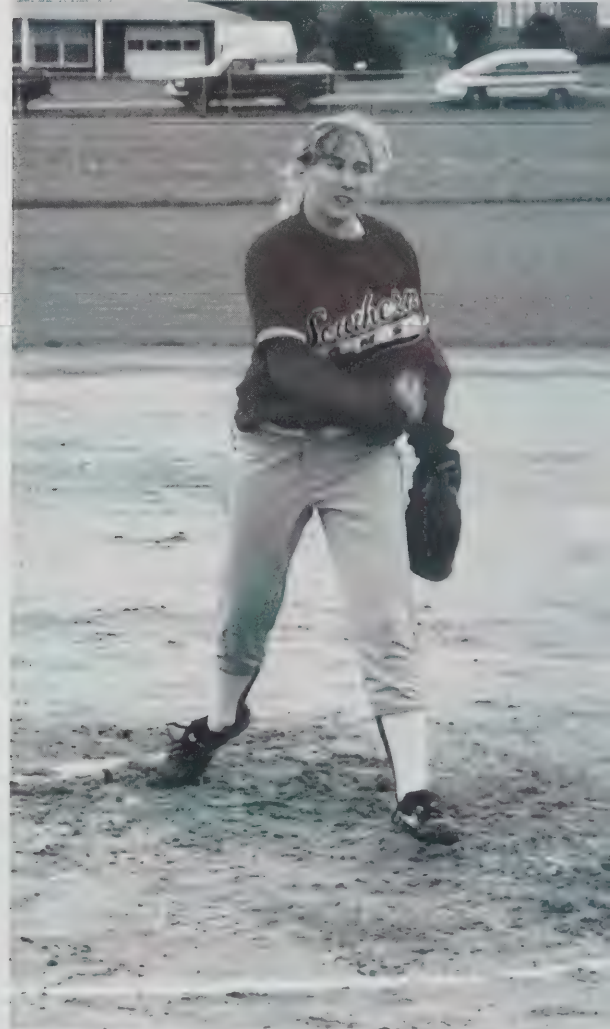
Michelle was the starting setter on the volleyball team, a starting guard on the basketball team and she also ran track.

Keeping in shape was another reason why some athletes participated in more than one sport. Mike Bittinger, senior, was one of these.

"I like running cross country because it's fun and it gets me in shape for basketball, which keeps me in shape for baseball," Mike said.

Because of the time and dedication put into their sports and school work, these ideal athletes could best be summed up by Melissa Kuykendall, who participated in three junior varsity sports, "We're one of a kind."

- Mike Paesani



Pacing herself in the 3200 meter run is sophomore Angie Sincell. Angie placed third at States in this event and was also a member of the state runner-up cross country team.

Getting one of her 109 strike-outs is sophomore Jennifer Teagarden. Jen had 109 strike-outs and led the team in RBI's. She was a starter on the volleyball team and played varsity basketball as well.





Flying over a hurdle to place third in the State track meet is Jonathan Price. Jonathan also participated in basketball and was the starting goalie for the soccer team.

Leading the pack in the mile run is Katelyne McBee. Katelyne was a part time starter on the varsity basketball team and was also a member of the state runner-up cross country team.



Driving down the court, John Andrews hopes to convert a basket. John was a member of the baseball team and was selected as Area Offensive Player of the Year for soccer as well as Male Athlete of the Year for Southern.



Sharing a huge smile with the crowd, Emily Nemith also displays her great flexibility with the assistance of Bethany Savage and Brianne Meyers. Emily was a cheerleader and was also a member of the track team.

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Said to be the best all-around athlete ever to go through Southern, Meghan Dabney warms up for a tennis match. Meghan was named Female Athlete of the Year for three consecutive years.

*Multi-Sport Athletes*



After the pitcher throws a strike, catcher Chris Bittinger throws the ball back to him. Chris was one of the winners of the Golden Glove award, his second straight time winning the award.

The season didn't start as many thought it would, but it ended up in the proper fashion. Before the Easter tournament, the Rams were 0-3 and not looking very strong. After that, however, they went on to win 15 of their last 16 and advanced all the way to the State Finals for the second time

# Slow start leads to *State Finals*

in three years.

"This has been a very rewarding year," Coach Jim Bosley said. "The senior leadership was outstanding."

The five seniors were the nucleus of the team with pitcher Chad Warnick posting a 6-1 record and having the lowest ERA of 1.37. Senior catcher Chris Bittinger and senior second baseman Scott Beitzel teamed up to throw out a total of 19 of their opponents on stolen base attempts.

Southern has only been in the WMIL for three years, but they have won the league championship every year, including this year. They also won the Area Championship for the fifth straight year, something no other team in the area had ever done.

"I feel that this is one of the two best teams to ever put on a Ram uniform," Coach Bosley said. "Both teams (1996, 1998) lost in the State Championship game."

The State semifinal game pitted the Rams against an undefeated Cambridge-South Dorchester team.

"Those guys were cocky from the start," Chris Bittinger, senior, said. "They said they couldn't be beat, but we showed them that they could be."

The State Championship game against Glenlg was the hardest loss of the season for the team to accept.

"This was the toughest loss ever in my 19 years of coaching at Southern," Coach Bosley said. "To out play our opponents for 6 1/2 innings, only to lose it in the end is very difficult to accept. We just couldn't get the final three outs in the seventh to become State Champions." - Mike Bittinger



## Press Box

5	Preston	6
1	Preston	7
2	Allegany	3
16	Meyersdale	13
10	Petersburg	5
2	Fort Hill	1
6	Westmar	5
11	Hampshire	1
0	Keyser	2
12	Allegany	2
12	Tucker	2
10	Mt. Savage	0
8	Beall	3
14	Westmar	0
10	Keyser	9
Playoffs		
5	Westmar	3
2	Clear Spring	0
5	Allegany	3
10	Williamsport	5
States		
5	Cambridge	0
5	Glenlg	6
Won 16 Lost 5		



Front row: Nathan DiSimone, Jason Weaver, Josh Bosley, Derek Everd, Jordan Uphold, Scott Beitzel Back row: Keith Parks, John Andrews, Chris Bittinger, Chad Warnick, Billy Stoner, Mike Bittinger, Chris Ewing





Mike Bittinger scoops up a throw from short stop Derek Everd to record an out. Mike received the most improved player award and had a .351 batting average.

As he puts his whole arm into the throw, pitcher Chad Warnick throws a strike into catcher Chris Bittinger. Chad had the lowest ERA of 1.37 and led the Rams in pitching through the State Championship game.

Mike Bittinger tries to tag out a runner as he dives back into the bag. Mike had an ERA of 2.92 and started most games at first base.



Chad Warnick awaits the ball from pitcher Derek Everd as the runner safely slides back into first base. Chad received the best pitcher award for his 6-1 record and his strong arm.

Smashing a double in a game against Keyser, Jason Weaver follows through on his swing. Jason had a .429 batting average and was named the student athlete of the month in March for his outstanding performance on the field and in the classroom.



All photos by Liz Paesani



While working on his aim, Brian Roderick practices his archery skills. "I like archery because it poses a good challenge and it is a lot of fun."

"Archery is a great sport," Brian Roderick, sophomore, said. "It gives me something to do in my spare time. I practice two or three times a week for about 30 minutes."

Brian started at the age of eight and has since

## Spare time produces *victory*

won seven consecutive indoor state championships.

Jennie Grant, senior, was a member of the Garrett County swim team for many years. Her best stroke was the breast stroke, for which she has received many offers from colleges as a prospective swimmer.

The swim team practices at least once a week; they hold four meets in during the year and also take place in one championship meet.

One great way to relax, according to Rachel Lane, senior, was by riding a horse.

"Horses offer a great release. When it is just you and your horse alone in the woods, you don't think about anything else. They are also very good listeners."

Rachel races her horse in an event called barrel racing. The competitor runs her horse around three barrels as quick as she can.

Rachel competed in the World Championships in this event last year and placed in the top 200 out of 600 horses.

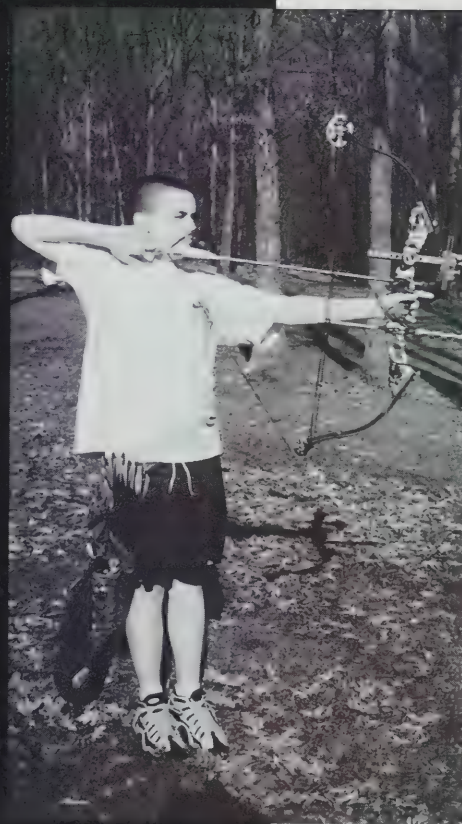
Another sport that did not get as much attention as it deserved is gymnastics. Andi Bender, junior, traveled to Morgantown four nights a week to practice. Her coach, Gary Rafoloski, was the former coach of Olympic gold medalist Mary Lou Retton.

Andi participated in gymnastics for 11 years and knew how much strength and dedication it took to succeed in this under-rated sport.

"My coach really pushes me, but he is also really understanding of my schedule. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be where I am now," Andi said.

- Tim Burns

Jennie Grant races to the finish in her favorite and best stroke, the breast stroke. Jennie received many offers to swim at many different colleges, though she probably won't accept any of them.



Andi Bender poses for her gymnastics picture. "I'm glad that I stuck with gymnastics through high school because I met a lot of caring people and had a great time."







Jesse Liller has fun learning new tricks such as the *Ollie to Mute Grab*. "I learn a lot of new tricks and styles from magazines that show different tricks and stunts."



Jeremy Murphy comes off of turn four as he completes the 20th lap at Motordome Speedway. This win was Jeremy's 14th of his 23 wins of the year.



Rachel Lane and her horse are practicing for the World Championships in barrel racing. Rachel placed in the top 200 riders, being only 17 years old.



Clarence McRobie practices his kicks in Tae-Kwon-Do on a target held by another student. "Tae-Kwon-Do is a great sport. It gives you good balance and a lot of agility."



Waiting for the pitch, Jennifer Teagarden stands in anticipation. Jennifer had a batting average of .250.

"The softball season was a 'rebuilding' year for the Lady Rams," Coach Dave Bosley said. "The lack of experience and depth led to a somewhat disappointing 5-12 record."

The Lady Rams had four starters back from last year: Erin Shaffer at shortstop, Kristina Hardesty at center field, Naomi Stoner at left field and Jennifer Teagarden as the pitcher. Jennifer pitched every game of the season with a total of 109 strike outs and also led the team in RBI's.

"We pulled together in the end to play an almost

# First playoff win comes in 'Rebuilding' year

perfect game against our rivals, Westmar," Jennifer said. "We showed everyone in the end that when we put our minds to it, we can come out on top."

Jennifer Sanders lead the team with the highest batting average with .367 followed by Shelley Winters with .304.

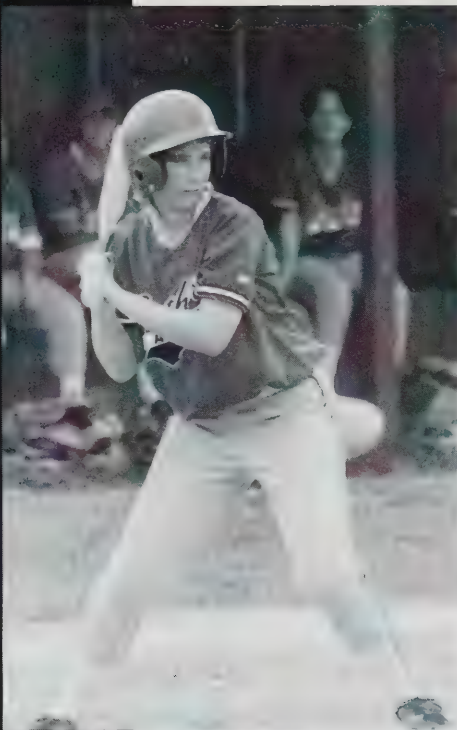
The highlight of the season came in the playoffs when they won their first playoff game ever, a 9-8 decision over Westmar. The Lady Rams then played Clear Spring to a respectable 8-4 loss.

"The future looks bright as six starters could return and because the JV's posted a record of 7-6," Coach Bosley said. "Five of those six losses were against varsity teams."

"The season had its ups and downs but our playoff game with Westmar was the perfect end to our season," Cortney Tressler said. "Going into the game I do not think many people thought we could do it and Westmar thought that they already had a win. We all stuck together and played well enough to win and show everyone we could do it."

- Donnelle Dick

After sliding into third base, Donnelle Dick tucks in her shirt while Coach Dave Bosley gives her advice. Donnelle spent most of the season as a designated hitter.



## Press Box

13	Westmar	1
11	Flintstone	1
7	Northern	10
2	Allegany	12
8	Mt. Savage	5
14	Beall	15
7	Preston	8
5	Westmar	25
1	Fort Hill	15
3	Flintstone	9
5	Fort Hill	7
14	Tucker	13
5	Northern	6
4	Allegany	20
10	Mt. Savage	11
	Playoffs	
9	Westmar	8
4	Clear Spring	8
	Won 5 Lost 12	





Looking to throw out a runner at first base, Missy Simmons gets out the runner, but the winning run was scored before the out was made.




Carrie Filsinger slides into second base while a Northern player awaits the throw. Carrie was a starter and played at first base.



Getting ready for the hit, Erin Shaffer stands in her position. Erin was chosen as Co-MVP.



**Front row:** Coach Dave Bosley, Jennifer Sanders, Jennifer Teagarden, Ass't Coach Christy Eyler **Row two:** Carrie Yommer, Mika Myers, Missy Simmons, Cortney Tressler, Ashley Reese, Naomi Stoner **Back row:** Christina Hardesty, Erin Shaffer, Carrie Filsinger, Donnelle Dick, Shelly Winters

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The pitching style of Heather Breneman took over for Melissa Kuykendall halfway through the season. "We could never tell the twins (Heather and Jessica) apart so we just called them both 'Twin'," Laura Johnson said. "I don't think they cared."

"My favorite memory of softball was 'Psycho Pitcher'," Carrie Dolan, freshman, said. "I will never forget her screaming after getting line-driven and shoving her coach to the ground. Psycho!"

Everyone on the JV softball team remembered the game against Beall where their pitcher threw a

# Making fun of Psycho pitcher

complete screaming, ragging fit because she got line-driven. It didn't even hit her.

"Not only did Beall's pitcher go psycho, but their left fielder almost got thrown out of the game because she was cursing out in the field," Stacy Scripp, freshman, said. "She said that we were making fun of the pitcher's 'Rainbow' pitching style but we weren't. Well, on second thought, we probably were."

Most of the time on the benches during games was spent making fun of both the other team and themselves, but in a nice way.

"The funniest thing that happened this year was when Carrie (Dolan) went to catch the fly ball before the memorable Beall game and she missed," Paula Glotfelty, sophomore, said. "The ball went right through her glove and nailed her in the right eye. We couldn't tell if she was laughing or crying, so we just laughed at her."

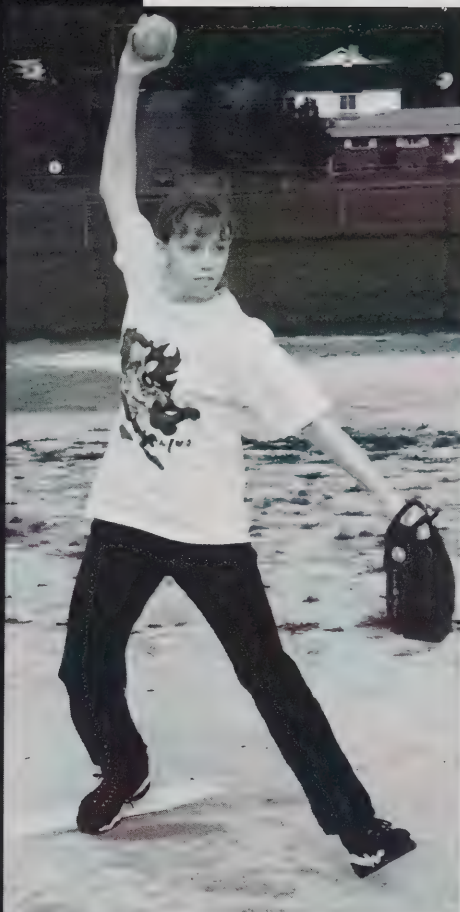
Some of the members will be moving up to varsity next year and will have to remember all the good times on JV.

"I'm gonna miss playing 'Load' and 'Hock-A-Luge' next year," Melissa Kuykendall, sophomore, said. "That huge puddle of spit was overwhelming third base. I was afraid that I would slip and fall if I stepped in it."

Even though the team had fun, there were those days that were torture. "I hate rain," Jessica Hinebaugh, sophomore, said. "Carrie, Charlena, Ashlee, Paula, and I had to run ten laps around the entire field, in the pouring rain, just because we were jumping in puddles. It was only lightening and we kept running to the batting cage. It's not like we would get hurt."

Even the rides home on the bus from away games got interesting sometimes. "I like to dance in the back of the bus," Tiffany Sears, sophomore, said. "Hey, wanna go joggin'."

- Jessica Hinebaugh



## Press Box

5	Westmar	11
11	Northern	11
8	Bishop Walsh	16
6	Tucker	15
29	Mt. Savage	2
24	Beall	10
18	Preston	5
20	Westmar	12
3	Keyser	7
7	Frankfort	12
19	Bishop Walsh	28
18	Northern	18
Won 4 Lost 6 Tie 2		



The secret handshake of Paula Glotfelty is demonstrated by Paula and Nicole Kitzmiller. "This is the way to make friends," Paula said. "Blah, blah, blah. Will you be my friend?"





Paula Glotfelty launches the ball toward Erin Orr during a practice.

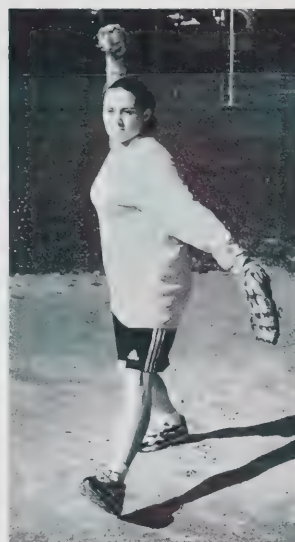
"Even practices were fun."

Erin said.

"We got to slide in the mud by second base and get completely covered in the mud one day. That was so much fun. I didn't think we would ever stop."

After catching the line drive of Jessica Hinebaugh, Stacy Scripp hurls the ball at third base to get a double play at practice. "The ball was supposedly bust open by one of Jessica's 'homeruns'," Stacy said. "It was actually ran over by a lawn mower."

As she stretches for the ball, Nicole Kitzmiller gets an out against Northern. "I like playing first base because you're almost involved in every play. I also get to make people mad because I get them out. I loved when I got 'Pebbles' out and everyone on the bench made fun of her."



"Why won't they stop making fun of me?" Carrie Dolan asks as she shoves Jessica Hinebaugh into the dirt, demonstrating the all famous "Psycho Pitcher." Carrie and Jessica preformed this act after each game for visiting teams. "The girls from Preston thought it was hilarious," Carrie said.

**Kneeling:** Jessica Hinebaugh, Carrie Dolan **Hold-ing** Coach Christy Eyler; Mel-lissa Kuykendall, Nicole Kitzmiller, Autumn Uphold, Paula Glotfelty **Back row:** Laura Johnson, Jessica Brenneman, Stacy Scripp, Erin Orr, Heather Brenne-man, Charlena Reeves





Pushing himself to complete the 800 meter run is Eric Rexrode. Eric was selected as the best distance runner on the team and was also selected as team MVP. Eric also broke the school record in the 1600m at States with a time of 4:37.42

"Track was fun because we got to play a lot of frisbee and be around a lot of our close friends," Beau Gibson, junior, said.

Though they did have a lot of fun, not everything was as fun as frisbee; there were a lot of hard practices and training.

"Track was great because you get to know people you usually don't hang around with," Chad Lovett, junior, said.

"Brad Zimmerman and I became brothers because we were on



# Competition brings *fun.* *friendship*

the same relay team even though I never talked to him before."

Many of the members of the team became close and gained some close friends.

"I had a really good time running track," Ted Wolf, junior, said. "I got to meet a lot of good people and see a lot of good competition."

Other people had a lot of fun just goofing off and being lazy.

"Track was cool because I got to hang around and be lazy, which is what throwers like to do," Josh Teets, junior, said. "All we did was screw off, we hardly ever had to run."

Though they had a lot of fun, the guys knew when it was time to get serious and they showed that by the competition they provided.

They placed second in the WMIL (Western Maryland Inter-scholastic League) Championships and the Area Championships, both times behind undefeated Fort Hill, and third in the Regional Championships.

At States, as well as throughout the season, the boys were paced by Eric Rexrode in the 800 meter run, the 1600 meter run, and the 4x800 relay. Eric placed in all of these runs at the State meet, gaining the team a total of 11 points. Jonathan Price also fared well at States gaining six points by finishing third in the 110 meter hurdles.

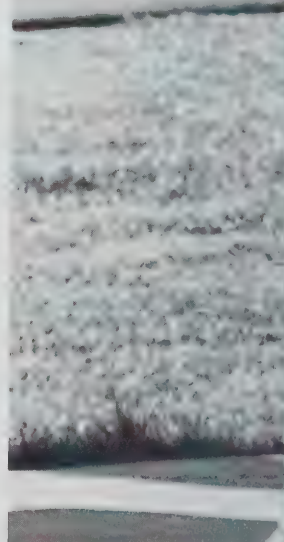
- Nicole Frazee

'Track was fun because of all of the bus rides, especially the ones to States. We had a great time!'

- Mike Prohonic

## Press Box

52	Preston	67
	University	37
56	Keyser	74
	Mt. Savage	6
69	Keyser	70
	Allegany	35
79	Beall	67
84	Keyser	90
	Preston	66
Area Championships		
	2 out of 9	
	Hancock	
	1 out of 3	
94	Preston	72
WMIL Championships		
	2 out of 7	
	Regionals	
	3 out of 10	
	States	
	8 out of 38	
	Won 61 Lost 15	



In the finals of the 100m dash in the WMIL Championship meet, Chad Lovett tries to keep up with the rest of the heat. "It was tough running against people as competitive as the Page's. They're all so fast!" Chad received third place in the race.





While struggling to put the shot 37 feet, Josh Teets makes the mark on his first attempt. Josh was a new member of the team and competed fairly well in shot and discus.

Casey McBee is trying hard to pick up distance between himself and first place in the 4x800 relay as he passes another runner to take over second place. The 4x8 relay team placed sixth at the state meet.



**Front row:** Eric Rexrode, Casey McBee, Pete Porcaro, Sean Conroy, Chad Lovett, Beau Gibson, Sam Sisler **Row two:** Head Coach Loren Bowser, Pat Macauley, George Tichnell, Rusty Strubin, Dan Shafer, Adam Durst **Back row:** Josh Teets, Mike Prohonic, Mark Ludwig, Andrew Sisler



As he leaps over a hurdle, Jonathan Price earns himself a bronze medal at States, while Mike Prohonic follows close behind him. Jonathan was selected as the best jumper while Mike was selected as the best hurdler.

Making sure his steps are correct before he makes his jumps, Dan Shafer tries to make his foot placement perfect to qualify for the State meet. Though he did not qualify for States in long jump, he did qualify in the 4x800 relay.

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Pushing herself to a bronze medal, Amy Snyder ties her school record in the 400 meter dash at the state meet. Amy ran away with two other medals at States, a gold in the 300 hurdles and a silver in the 4x400 relay.

Successfully completing their regular season with an undefeated record, the girls' track team was very pleased with their performance. Head Coach Bill Freyman expected them to finish in the top five at states, which they did, placing fourth overall, missing third place by one point.

# Broken records

## leads to an undefeated season

"I try to help each athlete improve throughout the season and have a good time," Coach Freyman said.

The team definitely improved as they broke many school records.

Amy Snyder broke her own record in the 400 dash with a time of 59.1 seconds. Angie Sincell broke the record for the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:31 at the state meet. Toni Sullivan broke the record for the long jump with a leap of 16'7 1/2" and she now holds the record for the pole vault, being the first female pole vaulter with a vault of eight feet.

The 1600 meter relay team, which consisted of Beth Sauder, Liz Paesani, Katelyne McBee and Amy Snyder, tied the school record with a time of 4:14. Also, Angie Sincell, Erin Hoalcraft, Katelyne McBee and Beth Sauder, who make up the 3200 meter relay team, broke their record they set last year at the state meet with a time of 10:38.

"We had a great team this year," Amy Snyder, junior, said. "We had lots of records broken and the best part was that nobody quit."

- Sara Thomas

'I try to help each athlete improve throughout the season and have a good time.'

- Coach Bill Freyman

Trying to stay with a Northern runner during the 4x800 relay, Beth Sauder is exhausted and wet. The 4x800 relay team broke the school record at the state meet by four seconds.



### Press Box

67	Preston	58
82	Keyser	52
99	Keyser	45
	Allegany	17
106	Beall	31

At Southern

1 out of 5

Area Meet

1 out of 9

WMIL

1 out of 5

Regionals

1 out of 9

States

4 out of 37

Won 62 Lost 3







Leading the pack in the mile run are Beth Sauder and Erin Hoalcraft. Beth, Erin, and Katelyne McBee were always the top finishers in this race throughout the year.



Alison Rudy flies over the high jump bar at Beall. Alison was the only jumper to compete in high jump for four years. She got her best jump her senior year of 4'9". Considering she is only 5'2" herself, that was pretty good!




Exhausted after her leg of the 4x800 relay at the WMIL championships, Angie Sincell hands off the baton to Erin Hoalcraft. The team placed third overall in the run.



**Front row:** Christy Hoalcraft, Michelle Teter, Katie Moomau, Elizabeth McDonald, Beth Sauder, Jennie Grant **Row two:** Toni Sullivan, Faryn Shaffer, Becca Gangler, Liz Paesani, Erin Hoalcraft, Amy Snyder **Row three:** Annie Neville, Andi Bender, Jodi Bowser, Megan Mahaffey, Anissa Jamison, Coach Bill Freyman **Back row:** Lauren Rudy, Alison Rudy, Katelyne McBee, Angie Sincell



Jody Bowser didn't think she'd be good at hurdles, but look at her go. "Running at states is awesome because there's so much competition. Hurdles is my favorite race and I hope I can get a gold medal in it."

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While defending his Hampshire opponent, Justin Stephens drives with his backhand. The team finished with a 14-1 team record, sending three members to states.

The boys' tennis team had an exceptional season. They finished with a 14-1 team record, sending three members to states.

The tennis team won the Bi-County title and the Western

# *Three boys'* *tennis* members go to States

Maryland Interscholastic League (WMIL) title. The only team loss was a narrow one to Allegany. In many matches, the Rams blanked the opponents, holding them win-less

The team was led by Brandon Ferguson. He finished the regular season 15-0. His 20 match winning streak was broken at regionals. He went into the state finals 20-1, and worked his way to the semifinals, where he was defeated.

"After four years of playing tennis," Melvin Rexrode, senior, said, "I have realized that Brandon is the best tennis player I have ever seen, and he deserved a state title."

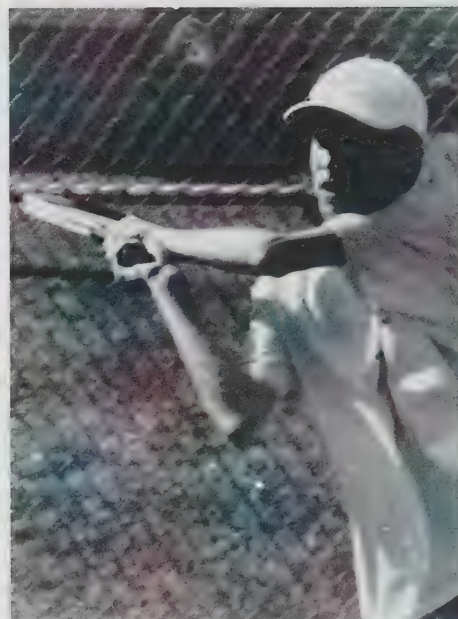
Brandon was not the only person who enjoyed success this year. The doubles team of Justin Stephens and Melvin Rexrode advanced to regionals after beating the areas top doubles team and then advanced to states.

Justin Stephens posted an undefeated regular season record as well as Brandon. Mike Pamepinto suffered only one regular season defeat.

Brandon, Melvin and Danny Riley will all be greatly missed as they will be lost to graduation. "This year, we had a mixture of experience and new talent." Brandon said, "After the seniors leave, Justin (Stephens) and Mike (Pamepinto) will easily be able to lead the team into another winning season."

- Steven Allison

At Allegany, Todd Tasker launches a serve en-route to a doubles victory.





As a sophomore, Brandon Ferguson begins a 50 match winning streak and a 4-time bi-county champion. He finished the regular season 15-0, but his winning streak was broken at regionals. He went into the state finals 20-1, and worked his way to the semifinals, where he was defeated.

Extending for a serve, Melvin Rexrode is on his way to a 12-1 record for the season. The doubles team of Justin Stephens and Melvin Rexrode advanced to regionals after beating the areas top doubles team and then advanced to states.



During the bi-county tournament, Justin Stephens approaches the net on his way to the doubles championship. Justin posted an undefeated regular season.



## Press Box

6	Hampshire	1
5	Petersburg	2
5	Keyser	2
6	Bishop Walsh	1
3	Allegheny	4
5	Beall	2
7	Northern	0
7	Northern	0
7	Fort Hill	0
7	Preston	0
7	Hampshire	0
6	Petersburg	1
6	Keyser	1
7	Beall	0
6	Bishop Walsh	1
7	Preston	0

Won 15 Lost 1



**Front row:** Melvin Rexrode, Bryson Paugh, Adam Murray, Dustin Slider, Jeremy Miller **Back row:** Josh Stephens, Brandon Ferguson, Mike Pam-pinto Justin Stephens, Todd Tasker, Coach Judy Ferguson

The state tennis tournament is the scene as Brandon Ferguson and Melvin Rexrode carry Justin Stephens. The tournament was held in Baltimore.



Practicing her serve, Amy Seus leans into the court to prepare for the ball to return.

The girls' tennis team had a rough start due to the transition of a new coach. At the beginning of the season, they started out with Mrs. Judy Ferguson and then they ended up with Coach Cheryl Fazenbaker. Coach Ferguson switched over and coached the boys' tennis team.

Although the girls had a rough year, they were still able to keep optimistic and have fun while playing the game.

"Even though we did not have a very good season, we still had fun and made the best out of it," Sara Thomas, junior, said. "Everyone played as hard as they could. Tennis is more of an individual sport anyway, so even though the team record may have been bad, individual wins were much higher."

There were many beginners that were added to the team also. Many girls came out knowing nothing about tennis, but ended up learning more about the game.

"Tennis was pretty complicated to learn at first, but after a while I got the hang of it and enjoyed playing it," Katy Ashby, sophomore, said.



## Press Box

3	Hampshire	4
3	Bishop Walsh	4
3	Petersburg	4
1	Keyser	6
1	Allegany	6
2	Petersburg	5
3	Hampshire	4
3	Beall	4
1	Keyser	6
1	Beall	6
1	Northern	6
1	Northern	6
3	Preston	4
Won 0 Lost 13		

# A rough. but fun year for girls' tennis

There were two seniors who were unfortunately lost due to graduation: Megan Mou and Erin McClive.

"I am really going to miss Megan and Erin a lot," Desiree Spady, junior, said. "I was partners with both of them in doubles and they both were great teammates. Megan and I won many doubles matches together."

"I'll never forget the Bishop Walsh match that was so tense and their coach made their team line judge because they thought we were calling their balls out that were in. By the end of the game we didn't care, we focused more on aiming at their heads!"

The team's biggest rivalry was Northern. Much tension was in the air that match.

"I will never forget the time when Desiree played Abby Bruch," Nicole Frazee, junior, said. "Desiree played a hard match but unfortunately this was the only match she lost in her number three position. There was so much tension that by the end of the match, Abby was yelling at our own team's coach."

Although the team did not always bring home a victory, they always brought home a smile and were happy that they had played their hardest. 0-13 might be a bad record but individually, the team had great success in meeting their personal goals. Many players improved tremendously and many new players learned more about the sport. Many memories and friends were made throughout the season.

- Sara Thomas and Nicole Frazee

Trying hard to hit the ball inside the line, Meghan Mou practices her serve.



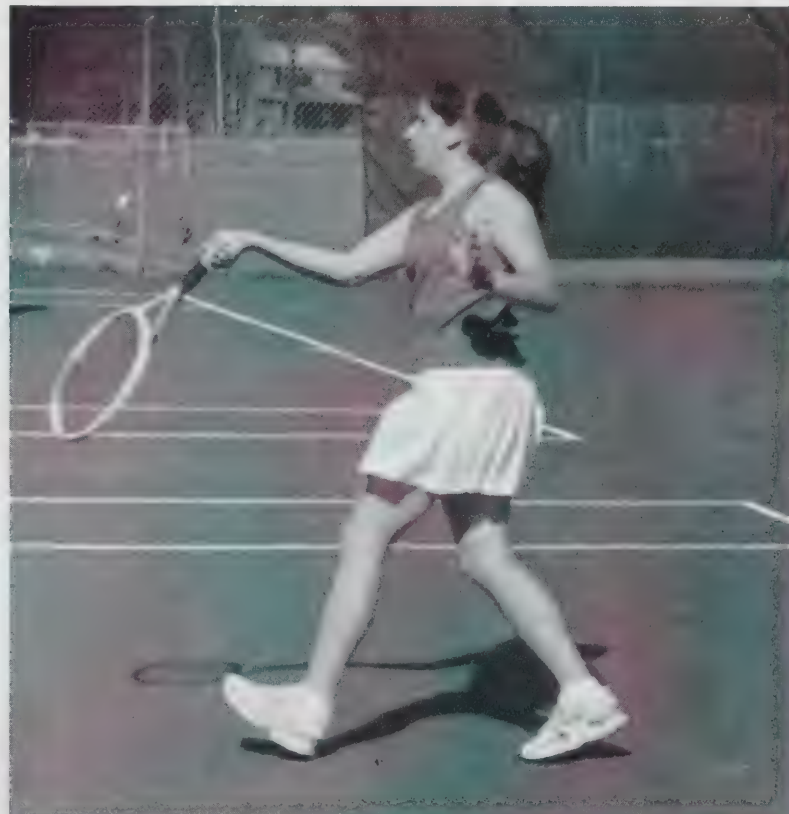




Displaying  
her disgust,  
Nicole  
Frazee looks  
at a service  
line call  
during a  
challenge  
match.



Using her forehand, Abby Brown returns the serve of her Northern opponent.



Running into her forehand, Meghan Mou finishes her senior year as the number one singles player for the Lady Rams.



Versus Northern, Amy Seus lines up for a backhand.

**Front row:** Devin McClive, Katie Ashby, Megan Mou, Jessica Ayers, Nicole Frazee **Back row:** Desiree Spady, Laura Friend, Erin McClive



During the Bi-County playoff tournament, Laura Friend returns a Fort Hill serve.



Camping, ain't it great? Out in the great outdoors with your friends. Wasn't it kinda weird how most kids wouldn't go outside with their parents, but they would run around all night with their friends?

"I don't have many friends," Adam Murray,

# *out all night* with my friends

sophomore, said. "But I like to go camping with the ones I do have."

Anyway, camping was an experience that we all probably went through sometime during our life. The first time was so long ago that you probably cannot remember.

"I went camping a long time ago with my grandma," Rachel Zimmerman, freshman, said. "I was only four and we went swimming and miniature golfing."

So much time was put into the average camping trip. The most important element of the camp-out was the fire.

Starting the fire was most definitely the best part of the whole night. Some gasoline, a road flare and some wood would make a mighty fine fire.

"Woah," Eric Jacoby, freshman, said. "You've got to have a big fire. Gasoline and road flares. Woah. Stand back before you throw the flare into the pit of gas, though."

Then comes the smores. There was nothing better than a good, gasoline roasted smore, mmmmm.

"Goosey, runny marshmallows on top of chocolate and graham crackers are the perfect camping treat," Cortney Tressler, junior, said.

Of course, putting the tent up sometimes proved to be a problem for some people.

"Once I got tangled up in a tent when I was trying to set it up," Pat Murphy, junior, said. "I felt kinda dumb."

Camping out with your friends could be some of the most exhausting nights, yet you always had fun.

"At most, I get four hours of sleep when I camp," Jennifer Teagarden, sophomore, said. "I'm too afraid of what someone might do to me or that I might miss something that I probably wanted to see."

Could you have this much fun with your parents?

"Nope," Alex Hill, sophomore, said.

- Derek Coughlin



"No, please don't take a picture of me now," Erin Hoalcraft says the morning after a party. "I got a whole three hours of sleep thanks to the guys in the tent next door screaming all night."





"Ain't we gonna need more diesel fuel for this fire, Mr. (Mike) Hinebaugh?" Nick Pratt asks, as Mr. Hinebaugh runs away in disgust. Nathan Frantz, Nick, Mike Schwalm and Caine Chorpenning helped "supervise" the fire building process at a camp-out during the summer. "It's a good thing that Caine and I were there," Nick said. "We are trained in the practice of 'Gastronomic Explosive Wooden Devices involving Nature'."

"Weeeee," Joy Jackson said. "I'm Superman." Taking time out from the rigorous backyard camping, Joy and Steve Eiswert play on the swing set. "Look at me. I can fly," Joy screams, apparently delirious due to the rush of blood that went to her head.


"And this is what the women would look like after four months of pregnancy," Mark Ludwig said. While sipping a can of root beer, he showed Brian Oxford the stages of pregnancy. "I didn't think a guy could get his gut out that far but Mark proved me wrong," Brian said.



A slur of profane, non-mentionable words flew out of Jimmy Hart's mouth as he and Andrew Grant try to pull down a tree with their bare hands. "Cussing is a necessity to camping," Jimmy said. "Without it, no one would know when you did something stupid, like catch yourself on fire or clothesline yourself in the neck."

With the tree successfully pulled down, Jimmy and Andrew wonder what to do with it next. "We threw the thing in the fire after we ripped off the branches to roast marshmallows," Andrew said. "Then we caught the marshmallows on fire and threw them across the yard." Jessica Hinebaugh eventually had to clean up their mess the next morning.





A determined look comes from Jason Bernard as he gives his valedictorian speech.

Some people are accident prone and then there are Elizabeth Paesani and Josh Helbig. Both were voted *Most Accident Prone* by their senior classmates.

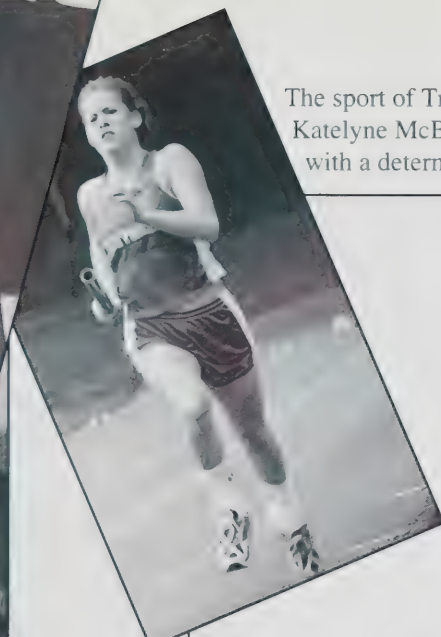
Some students had a talent to entertain their fellow classmates. Jacob Dehus is one of these students as he works with his apples.

The senior class had three favorites, Rachel Lane, Matt Walthall and Mike Carola, when it came time to vote on *Best Party Givers*.

The tradition of announcing the candidates for graduation goes to Principal Lynn Bell.

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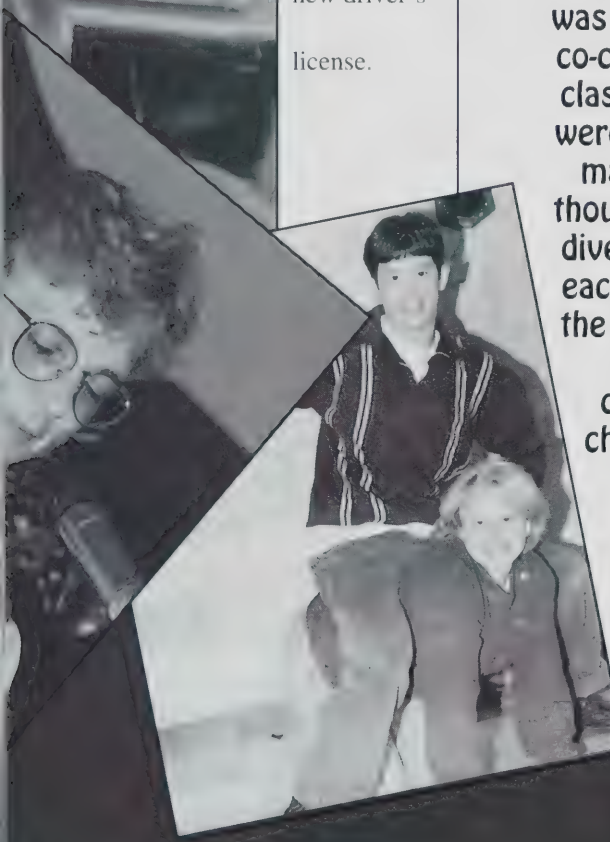
The sport of Track has Katelyne McBee running with a determined look.



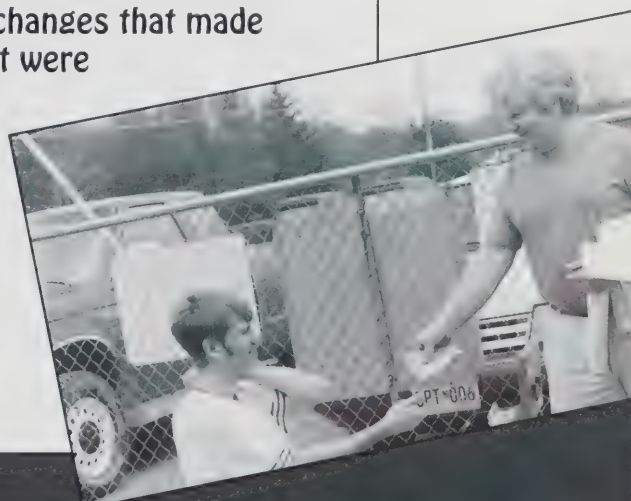
"Food before a tennis match" is the answer to the question of what is Laura Friend doing as Jessica Ayers watches the first match.



A common sight is when Virgil Moats shows Josh White his new driver's license.



The *Best Sense of Humor* award was given to Jennie Grant and Karlo Gesner by the senior class.



Even fathers have to pay to enter a track meet as Dan Sincell charges his dad Ben the \$3 fee.

# PRIDE

in who we are

On May 31, the seniors completed their journey through school, a journey that began 13 years ago when they started kindergarten. For 13 years fellow students have been their companions, friends or even enemies. It's the people who made Southern High School what it was today for without students the school would cease to exist. After we graduated, the school went on, but it would never be the same as it was during the 1997-1998 school year. One of many co-curricular activities came when freshman Civics' classes traveled to Annapolis. While most students were busy with a part time job, senior George Beckman was busy building his business into a multi-thousand dollar company. Students took pride in our diversity, but united as one. The changes that made each and every one of us different were the same changes that made us unique. As a school, we changed. As individuals, we changed. As a group, we grow.

## people



# George Beckman: *Top Youth Entrepreneur*

The *Top Youth Entrepreneur* for the entire state of Maryland lived here in Garrett County.

George Beckman received this title from Governor Parris Glendening due to his own hatchery business.

George, as a senior, owned "G.W. Hatchery." There he raised more than 450 chickens, 21 turkeys and several ducks and geese. He has also added two emus, a bird much like the ostrich, to his company.

"I started four years ago by purchasing my father's 30 chickens and I also got a 42 egg incubator for my birthday." He then preceded to build shelters for the adult poultry, heated a building for the young poultry and purchased equipment that he needed for his business.

In order to run his business he had to receive several licenses he obtained from the state of Maryland

in order to operate the hatchery, sell the eggs and raise the game birds.

In the four years in business, George has accumulated \$24,000 while only spending \$2,000 to start his business. "I learned to be more responsible and how to manage money wisely," George said.

"The way George has developed his hatchery from such a small start is really impressive," Jennifer Reckart, senior and fellow FFA member, said. "It is difficult for people who don't have experience in the kind of work George does to understand just how much effort he puts into his enterprise."

George stated that he enjoys farming and his hatchery because he can do it when he wishes. It was always a challenge and things were never the same two days in a row. George also enjoyed dealing and speaking with his customers.

• Janet McCrobie



## "THE EMU EGG

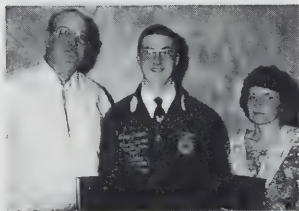
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to make four omelets," George Beckman said.

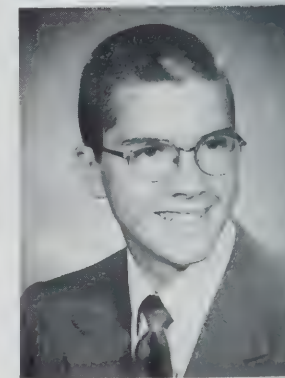
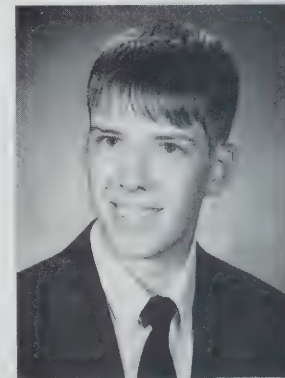
He added the emu to his flock of more than 450 chickens, 21 turkeys and several ducks and geese. The emu was a bird much like the ostrich.



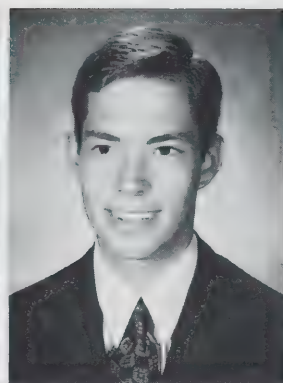
**PARENTS GEORGE AND LINDA** Beckman stand with their son George. George received a Region Star and State Star Ag Business award at Gaithersburg, Maryland.



**USED AS LAYING HENS,** George Beckman works with White Rock hens. Laying hens were used for egg production and meat.







**DONALD AHERN**

**KENDRA R. ALEXANDER**

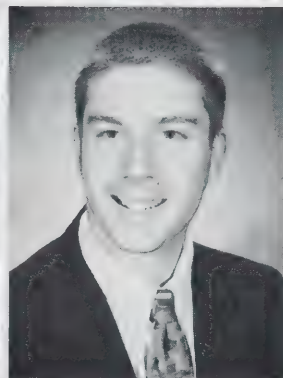
Band 9-12, School Play 9-10, Chorus 12

**KENZIE C. ALEXANDER**

VICA 12, FFA 9

**STEVEN L. ALLISON**

Soccer 10-12, National Honor Society 11-12, VICA Quiz Bowl 12



**DANA M. ARMSTRONG**

Journalism 12, Office Aid 12

**BRIAN ARONHALT**

**AMANDA L. ASHBY**

**MICHAEL P. AVONA**

Band 9, Honor Band 9, VICA 11-12, Track & Field 11-12, Golf 12



**AARON BAKER**

**HEIDI J. BAKER**

Marching Band 9

**ERIN BALL**

**GEORGE W. BECKMAN**

FFA 9-12, 10-Treasurer, 11-Vice President, 12-President



**KEVIN S. BEEMAN**

FFA 9-11

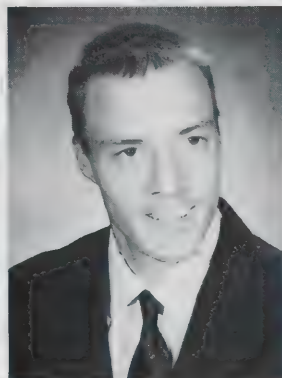
**SCOTT A. BEITZEL**

Football 9-12, Baseball 9-12

**JASON A. BERNARD**

National Honor Society 11-12, FBLA 11, Baseball 9-11

**RISHI BHATNAGAR**



**RODNEY BIRD**

**CHRISTOPHER A. BITTINGER**

Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9-11

**MICHAEL W. BITTINGER**

Cross Country 9-12, Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Who's Who in Sports

11-12, Journalism 12, School Store Manager 12

**Jesse Black**



# pen minds, open hearts

"Being in Child Care is great," Misty Kisner said. "You would be surprised how much more children know than adults. Unlike adults, they still have open minds and open hearts. I love it."

The Child Care II program was successful in showing students every aspect of children. Positive remarks, along with opinions about the program, showed how students felt about working with children.

"I really enjoy being in the Child Care program," Erin Ball said. "It has been a great experience. No matter what mood I'm in, the kids at the centers seem to make it brighter. I know now a career in child care is something I want to pursue."

Being around children ages infancy to third graders allowed students to get a taste of working with children.

"It's good to get out and work with children and see if you want to pursue a career with children," Laure Jordan said. "It's fun and exciting."

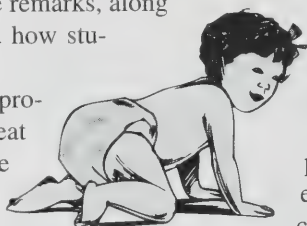
Ms. Jane Gibson had plenty of positive things to say about

the Child Care II program and her students. "The 1997-98 school year is the third year for the child care program at Southern. I feel very good about what is being accomplished in this program. Knowing that the majority of graduates will be able to obtain a job in the child care field because of their certification they will receive is quite gratifying. Garrett County is one of the few counties that offer this certification upon graduation from high school.

"Some of the students that are in this program plan to go into early child care or elementary education and plan to work in child care in some capacity. In their senior year they are able to look at a variety of aspects of child care because they practice experience in child care centers, Head Start and elementary schools. I feel that these experiences have been invaluable to them.

"It is my hope that the seniors in my Child Care II class will use what they have learned to make their lives more meaningful."

• Dana Armstrong

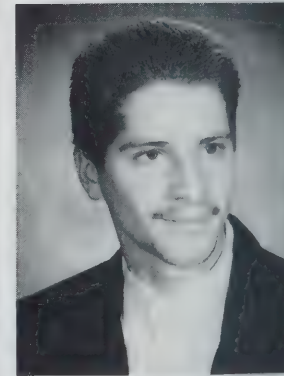
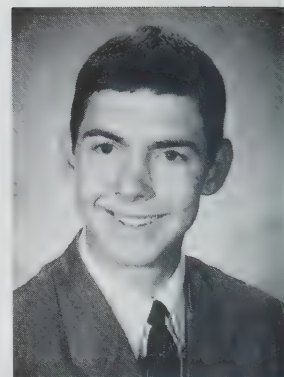


"WORKING WITH MATTHEW and Naomi was a lot of fun," Mandy Ashby said. "We had a lot of fun making clay stars."

"HELPING LITTLE KIDS to put puzzles together is really fun," Jackie Wise said as she works with Erin. "I love going to the day care center and working with the little kids."

**PARKER IS REACHING** for Misty Kisner's necklace. "Town and Country Day Care center was really a different experience, but also very enjoyable."

**TO KEEP HIM QUIET**, Brooke Shank is holding Lucas. "I really enjoyed going to the Town and Country Day Care center. The experience was wonderful."







**DANIEL D. BRAY, JR.**

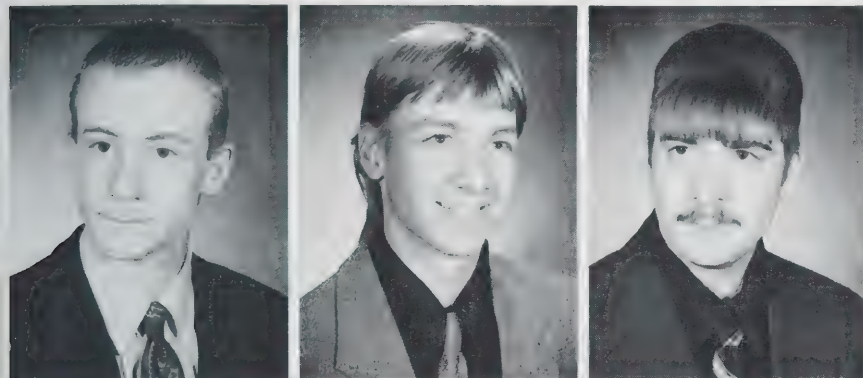
**AMANDA L. BROWN**

Chorus 10-12, Christian Club 9, Maryland's Tomorrow Program 9-12

**BRIAN BROWN**

**SHANNON D. BURNSIDE**

Art Honorary 12, Honor Choir 11-12, Chorus 11-12



**JENNIFER CARLISLE**

**MICHAEL K. CAROLA**

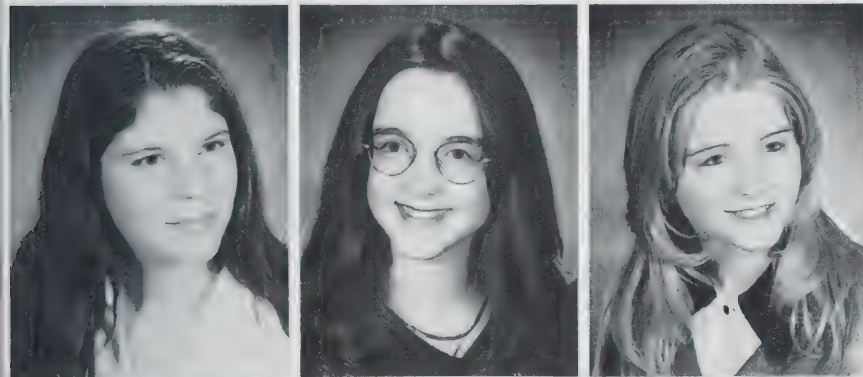
Marching Band 11

**RONALD J. CHAPMAN**

FFA 9-12

**AARON J. CLINE**

FFA 11-12, VICA 12



**LISA M. CONNELLY**

Cross Country Manager 11, Track & Field Manager 11-12, Cheerleading 12, Who's Who Among High School Students 11

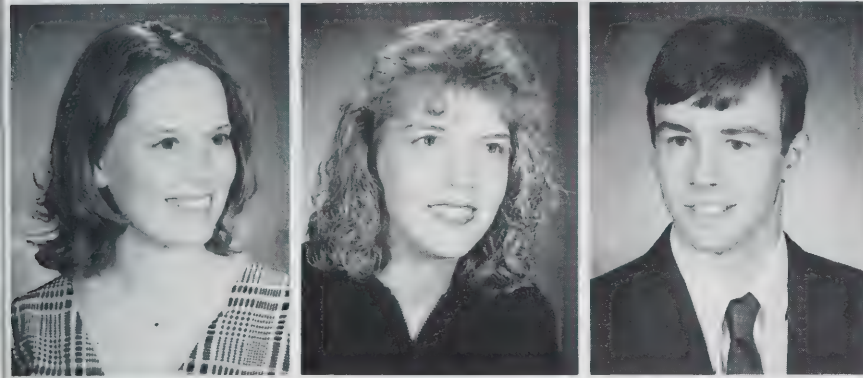
**FRANCESCA M. COVIELLO**

Soccer 9-11, Basketball 9-10, Art Honorary 12 (Vice President), Soccer Statistician 12

**BRITTNEY DECKER**

**CHRISTY A. DEWITT**

Cross Country 9-10, Journalism 10, Yearbook 10



**JASON A. DEWITT**

**DONNELLE M. DICK**

Softball 9-12, Journalism 12, Basketball Statistician 12, Prom Committee 11

**MELISSA DIXON**

**DARRICK DOVE**



**SCOTT A. ELLIOTT**

Peer Counselor 11-12(Leader), Guidance Aid 11-12, FFA 9-12, Prom Planning Committee 11, ACC Math Competition 11, National Honor Society 12

**DEREK EVERD**

**RACHEL FARMER**

Student Council 9-12, 12-Vice President, National Honor Society 11-12, Honor Chorus 9-12, Peer Counselor 12, Guidance Aid 12, Journalism 11-12

**BRANDON FERGUSON**

Tennis 9-12, National Honor Society 11-12, School Play 12



# sitting, drinking, listening to your peers make music

Imagine sitting in the shade, drinking a nadacolada and hearing some of your favorite tunes being played by your peers.

Many students at Southern played music in their spare time and many of those students formed their own bands.

These bands often played their own original music, while others played songs that everyone knew.

"The great thing about being in a band is that you get to play the kind of music you love," Aaron Mountain said. "Sometimes you have to worry about pleasing the crowd, and when that happens, just tell the rednecks to go home."

Some people believe that you must please yourself before the audience.

The seniors in bands were beginning to worry

what they would do when they all went their separate ways.

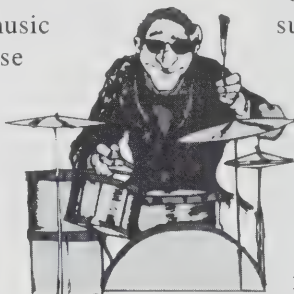
"Our band has three seniors in it, so this summer is it for us," Scott Sanders said.

"After that, I guess we will have to go our separate ways." Scott was with "Smoking Joe Fusion" along with Matt and Nick Walthall and Karlo Gesner. All of the band members were seniors except for Nick.

Perhaps the band members will form new bands after they move on, however forming a band was not the easiest thing to do.

"Finding the right people to play with is the most difficult thing," Karlo said. "It has taken me three years and four different bands to find a combination with Matt, Scott and Nick."

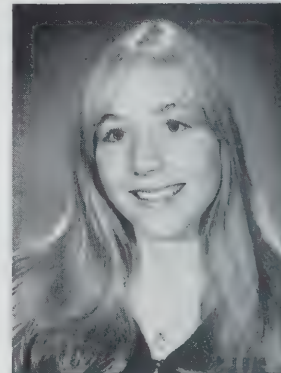
• Devon McClive



WITH AN UNEXPLAINED LOOK on his face, Matt Walthall sings the tunes as Karlo Gesner and Scott Sanders help out. All three were members of the band *Smoking Joe Fusion*

and were playing at *The Harbor* at *Silver Tree Inn* at the Lake on a Sunday afternoon. "Being in a band is an enjoyable pastime," Scott said, "because it gives you something to do with your time."

**THE TALENT SHOW** WAS the scene of Aaron Mountain playing with the group *Venus Envy*. Other members of the group included Chris Rondeau, Tim Beckman and Alex Hill.







**CARRIE M. FILSINGER**

Softball 9-12, 10-Best Hitter, Journalism 10-12-Yearbook Editor-In-Chief,  
Marching Band 9-12, 11-12-Section Leader, Concert Band 9-11, Jazz  
Band 9-11, Basketball 9-10 (Captain), Prom Planning/Junior Class  
Leader 11, National Honor Society  
11-12

**HEATHER FLORES**

**JENNIFER FRIEND**

**JODY A. FRIEND**

FFA 9-12, 12-Junior Advisor 12

**TONYA M. FRIEND**

Cheerleading 9 & 12, Track & Field 9-10, Softball 11

**LINDSAY GARRIS**

**GEORGE K. GESNER**

Student Member of the Board of Education 12, Student Council 9-12,  
GCASC 9-12, Soccer 9-12, SIT Team 11-12, Journalism 12, National  
Honor Society 11-12 (President), Foreign Exchange

**JESSICA GETSON**

**JULIE GLOTFELTY**

**RICHARD GRANKE**

**JENNIFER GRANT**

**KRISTINA L. GREEN**

**CHRISTINA GUTHRIE**

**KRISTINA L. HARDESTY**

Softball 9-12, Foods 10-12, Guidance Aid 12

**MAGGIE HARDESTY**

**CAMBRIA B. HARMAN**

**ANDREW H. HARVEY**

Model UN 10-12, Chorus 12, Math Student of the Month 9, Quebec  
Trip 11

**BILLY J. HARVEY**

FFA 9

**CONNIE S. HARVEY**

School-To-Career 12, Children's Play 12, Library Aid 12, Student of the  
Month (Science 11), Who's Who Among High School Students 9

**HEATHER D. HARVEY**

Who's Who Among High School Students 11



# sugar plums, students, blood – that time of the year

It was that time of the year where red and white colors decorated the cafeteria and little sugar plums danced in the heads of young students as they were getting their blood taken.

"I thought giving blood was definitely a good thing because there are people who need that blood badly," Cubby Nichols, senior said. Cubby was one of the students who gave blood when the bloodmobile was at the school. "One day, I might need blood, so I hope that someone gives me blood someday."

In order to give blood, a student had to be 17 years old, must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in generally good health.

"Giving blood benefits a lot of people because some

people need those blood transfusions every day," Frannie Coviello, blood-giver, said.

Some people had more negative thoughts on giving blood. "I wouldn't give blood unless I had to because the thought of needles scare me," Erin McClive said. "I like the idea that we give blood for a good cause, but I figure that there are enough people willing to give blood that they don't need my blood."

Giving blood could seem kind of scary, but when people were desperate for blood transfusions, a simple task of giving blood could be a blessing.

"I think giving blood's a good idea because it saved my life when I was a young sprout," Aaron Mountain said.

• Devon McClive

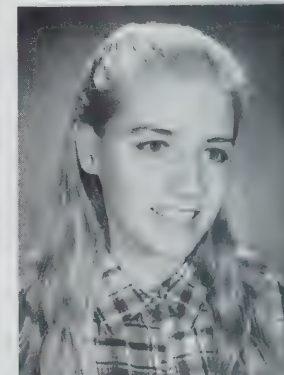


**WITH A BAND-AID ON HER EAR,** Frannie Coviello gives confidential information to the Red Cross intake person. The nurse had earlier pricked Frannie's ear for a sample of blood to ensure her blood count was satisfactory.

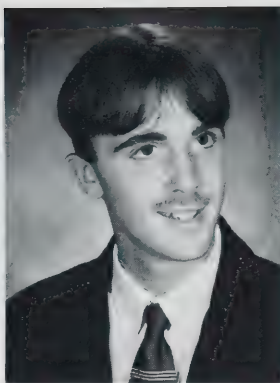


**WITH ANTICIPATION IN HER HEART,** Joni Thomas looks up to the nurse for reassurance this new procedure in her life will be over in a few minutes. The actual drawing of blood took about 10 minutes, although prep time and post-activities made the entire time around 1/2 hour.

**WITH ONE ARM STRETCHED** across his chest, Scott Elliott holds his right arm steady as a nurse prepares his arm. The bloodmobile unit was from the Red Cross unit in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.







**CHRISTY HAUSER**

**COURTLAND J. HELBIG**

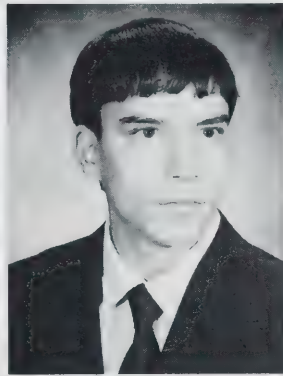
Football 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Track

9-12

**JUSTIN R. HERSHMAN**

Cross Country 9-11, Track 9-10

**STEPHANIE HINEBAUGH**



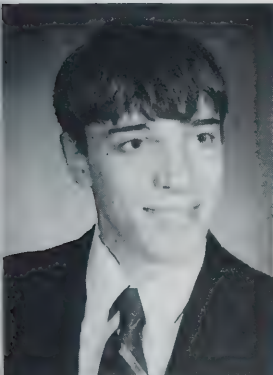
**CHRISTY L. HOALCRAFT**

Track & Field 9-12 Co-Captain 12, Cross Country 10-12 Co-Captain 12,  
Color Guard 9, Who's Who Among High School Students 9-12,  
Vocational Student of the Month 12

**JONI HOYE**

**ANGELA N. JACKSON**

**JASON D. JAMES**



**JESSE JAMES**

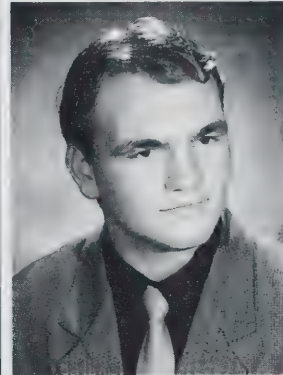
**AARON JANES**

**JEREMIAH D. JOHNSON**

Football 9-12, Wrestling 9-11

**VALERIE C. KIGHT**

Foods 10-12, Office Aid 12, Student of the Month 11



**ANDREA KIMBLE**

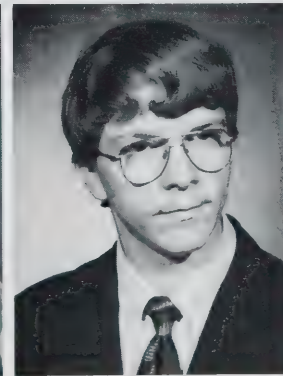
**MISTY KISNER**

**RACHEL J. LANE**

Volleyball 9-12, School Play 10-12, Prom Planning Committee 11

**DAVID W. LANTZ**

Football 9-12, Track & Field 11-12, VICA 12



**STACY R. LEWIS**

Chorus 9-12, Honor Chorus 9-12, National Honor Society 11-12, Christian  
Club 9-12 Secretary 11, Treasurer 12

**CRYSTAL LIPSCOMB**

**TONYA M. LIVENGOOD**

Peer Counselor 11-12, Guidance Aid 11, Library Aid 12, School-To- Career  
12

**JAMES A. LLOYD**

VICA 12



# No guessing about a senior's future

"The School-To-Career program has helped me make decisions about my future," Connie Harvey said. "Without this experience, you are just guessing about what you think you might want to do."

Did they just want to get out of school? Students who got out of school early from school belonged to a program known as School-To-Career. This program was one of the many programs in which seniors participated in during their final year.

This program was designed to give students experience in the field that they may wish to enter after high school. School-To-Career was a program much like work-release, only the participants volunteered their services in exchange for knowledge in a field of employment.

Connie volunteered at Broadford Elementary School. While she was there, an event took place that let her know all her hard work was worth something.

She was permitted to watch an entire kindergarten class. "That was really my first "teaching" experience. The thing was, the kids listened to me. That taught me more than

anything after an entire year."

Several students who leave school for this program volunteered at local elementary schools, the hospital, rehabilitation centers or nursing homes.

"School-To-Career has opened my eyes to the demands of elementary education and now I will be better prepared when I go into the teaching career," Bethany Smith said. "There was a day where one of the students in my fifth grade class was having a really horrible time understanding fractions and I set with her for 10-15 minutes and explained the concept in at least 40 or 50 ways. When the child finally understood, the satisfaction I received was enough to last me through college."

Not all students actually had to leave school in order to be involved in the program.

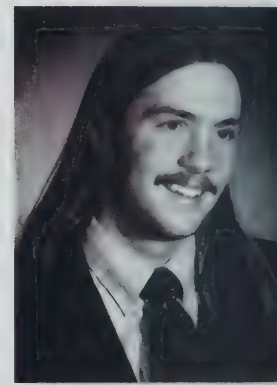
For example, Mike Bittinger chose to stay at school. "I work in the school store. I get experience in the retail business. I have even worked my way up to be co-manager of the school store. This program is really cool because it teaches you what a real job would be like."

• Janet McCrobie



**SPEAKING OF FUTURE CAREERS:** the senior class voted the following students the best in each category with a good prediction they will follow that occupation. Clockwise from above: Billo Bhatnagar and

Alison Rudy as *Most Likely to Succeed*; Frannie Coviello and Mark Ludwig as *Most Artistic*; and Brandon Peck and Carrie Filsinger as *Best Musicians*.







**DANIEL LUCAS**

**MARK E. LUDWIG**

Soccer 9-12, Track & Field 11-12, Art Honorary President 12, Blind Skier Guide 9-11, Who's Who Among High School Students 9-12, Journalism 10-12, Quebec Trip 11, Minds In Motion 11

**PATRICK MACAULEY**

**MAXIMILIAN MARSHALL**



**MEREDITH M. MARTIN**

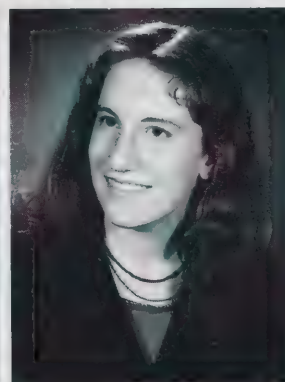
Student Council 9-12 Treasurer 12, Volleyball 9-12, National Honor Society 11-12, Model UN 10-12, Who's Who Among High School Students 9-12, Journalism 11-12 Photographer 11, Business Editor 12, School Play 11, Office Aid 11-12, Prom Planning Committee 11, Blood Mobile 11-12 (Chair)

**SCOTT A. MATTHEWS**

**JACQUELINE M. MATTINGLY**

Blind Skier Guide 9-12, Special Olympics 9-11, VICA 11-12 Secretary 12

**AMANDA MAYLE**



**JACKIE L. MAYLE**

Chorus 9-10, Honor Chorus 10

**MARIAH M. MCBEE**

Cross Country 9-12, National Honor Society 11-12, Student Council Representative 12, Fall Homecoming Court 12, Winter Homecoming Queen 12, Track 9, Journalism 11-12, Prom Committee 11, Girls' Basketball Statistician 10&12, Office Aid 12

**ERIN R. MCCLIVE**

Tennis 9-12, Cross Country 10-12

**JANET L. MCCROBIE**

Office Aid 11-12, Journalism 12, School-To-Career 12, Who's Who Among High School Students 9-11



**JEFFREY L. MCDANIEL**

Soccer 9-12

**AMANDA McDONALD**

**BRIDGET L. MILLER**

Basketball 9-12, School-To-Career 12, Who's Who Among High School Students 9-10, Office Aid 12, Minds In Motion 10, Student Athlete of the Month 12

**BRYANNE MARIE MILLER**

Cheerleading 9-12, co-cap 12, Track 9, VP Class Officer 10-12



**MICHELLE C. MOLZ**

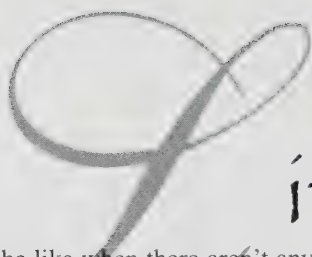
National Honor Society 12

**ELIZABETH MOON**

**JESSICA MOORE**

**JESSE MORGAN**





# Life without bells...

What will life be like when there aren't any bells guiding the day? What will next year be like when the public education has been completed?

Several students were planning on leaving Garrett County, whether it was for college, traveling, starting a family or joining a branch of the armed forces.

"I plan to go to the college of Notre Dame in Maryland and major in Fine Arts," Frannie Coviello, senior, said. "I hope to become a graphing designer. I hopefully will continue on and get my masters."

Others were staying around to go to college closer to home.

"After I graduate, I am going to attend Garrett Community College and major in Elementary Education because I love to work with children," Brooke Shank said. "Then, I

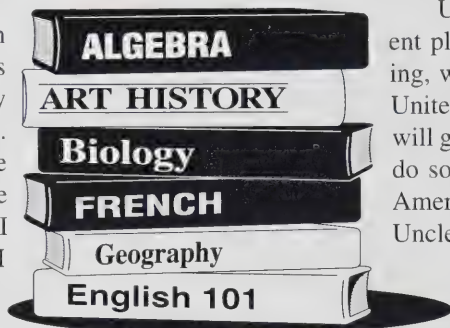
plan to transfer from GCC to either Allegany College of Maryland or Frostburg State University."

Unlike others, Mike Carola had a different plan. "Me, huh, forget college, it's boring, who'd want books, I want boat, bomb. United States Coast Guard for me. Why, I will get to see the country, serve my country, do some really crazy stuff in the waters of America and get a free four year degree from Uncle Sam. Sounds fun to me."

Some students had quite a plan.

"I plan to go to Garrett Community College for two years and then transfer to Frostburg," Bridget Miller said. "I'd like to major in Elementary Education because I get summers, weekends and holidays off plus I like working with kids. After college, I would like to get married, settle down and raise a family

• Janet McCrobie



**SENIORS TURN THEIR TASSELS** from right to left as Mrs. Lynn Bell, principal, gives notice that she has now made it official: they have graduated.

**IN A LIGHTER MOMENT**, seniors bounce a large beach ball around to relieve tensions. The gym was rather hot as over 1,000 people crowded in to see their senior walk across the walkway to receive their diploma.



**LEADING THE SENIORS** into the gym are Kendra Alexander and Don Ahern. Graduation was held inside for the second time in two years because of the threat of bad weather.





**SUSIE L. MOSSER**

National Honor Society 11-12, Christian Club 9-12 (Vice President), Honor Choir 9-12, Miss Junior Oakland 12, Office Aid 12

**MEGHAN L. MOU**

Tennis 9-12 (Captain), Student Council 9-12 Representative 9&11, Parliamentarian 10&12, Journalism 11-12 (Photographer), Who's Who Among High School Students 9-10, USSCS Award 10-12, Blind Skier Guide 10-11, Concert Band 9, Honor Band 9

**AARON MOUNTAIN**

Basketball 9, Marching Band 9-12, Stage Band 11-12, Winter Drumline 12, Concert Band 10-12

**KENNETH R. MYERS**

Football 9-12, VICA 11-12

**THOMAS D. NICHOLS**

School Play 12, Marching Band 9-11, Indoor Percussion 10, National Art Honor Society 12

**KARRIE L. NINE**

Marching Band 9-11, Concert Band 9-12, Honor Band 9-12, Soccer Statistician 12

**MARIA R. OYARCE**

Chorus 12

**ELIZABETH J. PAESANI**

Basketball 9-12, Volleyball 9-12 Captain 10, Track & Field 10-12, Gold Medal Committee 12, Journalism 10-12 Photographer 10-12, Photo Editor 11-12, National Honor Society 11-12 Historian 12, Student Council 11-12 Chaplain, Softball 9

**STEPHEN M. PARISEAU**

Soccer 9-12, Captain 12, Track & Field 9, Mock UN 10-11, Children's Play 10, National Honor Society 11, Who's Who Among High School Students 10-11

**SARETHA D. PARK**

Ram Mascot 10

**HANNAH E. PAUGH**

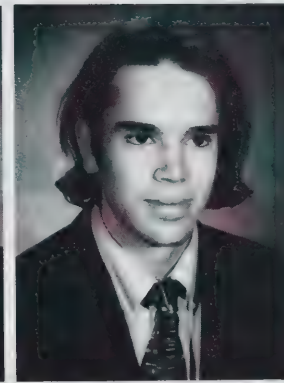
Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Section Leader 11-12, Chorus 12, Honor Band 9-10 & 12

**MICHELLE E. PAUGH**

Chorus 9-11, Honor Choir 10-11, Christian Club 9, EMT Class 12, Foods 10-12, Who's Who Among High School Students 10-11

**ROBERT PAUGH****BRANDON PECK****JOSH D. PERANDO**

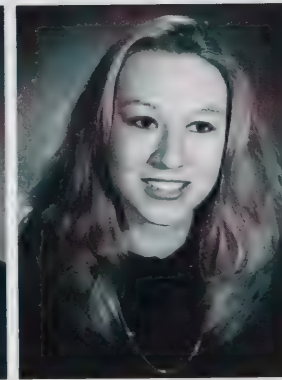
Football 9-12

**KENNETH L. PERRIN****HEIDI R. RAVENSCROFT**

Concert Band 9-10, Office Aid 12, Marching Band 9

**JASON RECKART****JENNIFER E. RECKART**

FBLA 9, FFA 10-12 Vice Treasurer 11, President 12, National Honor Society 11-12, Journalism 12, Who's Who Among High School Students 10-11

**BOBBIE REESE**



# Less than three months to go...

The tension mounted for the seniors with less than three months left in their high school careers.

After the certainty and stability of high school was over, where would the class of 1998 go?

Historically graduates were faced with four basic post-high school options: graduates might go on to college, leave high school and enter the work force, enroll in the military, or for the ladies, become married.

Feelings about graduation were different between those who have already graduated and those who were still waiting to.

"Graduation meant growing up for me; at first it seemed like I was growing up and the fun was over," Jamie DeBerry, 1996 graduate, said. "People who haven't graduated don't realize how much their responsibilities will change after high school."

Many members of the class of 1998 hadn't committed to any plan of advancement yet.

"I don't know what I'm going to do after high school," Aaron Janes said. "I'm not used to looking that far ahead."

Several seniors commented on what they planned to do after high school. No one really seemed to have any concrete plans, but tentative plans were in everyone's mind.

An aspiring college goer, Sara Sincell, said, "I plan to do every crazy thing I've ever wanted to do this summer, then go on to college in the fall. I don't know what I'm going to do with my life yet, but college opens my options."

Not every senior was willing to commit to as much as eight more years of school. Entering the work force has its advantages for some seniors as well.

"I don't plan to attend college, I want to get a job and get out on my own," Jesse James said.

Few seniors realized the importance of planning ahead or felt the coming of the end of the school year. In reality the 1998 school year went fast.

As another year passed, students needed to realize the importance of enjoying their freedom while they still could.

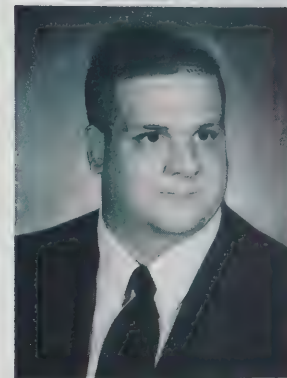
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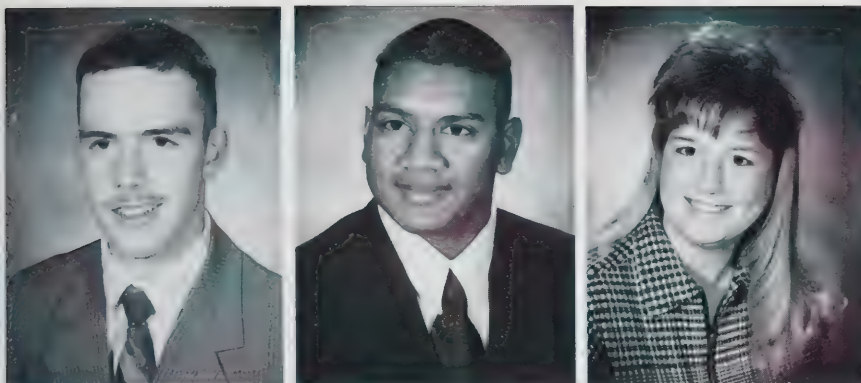
**WITH ONLY THREE MONTHS** of school to go, the seniors voted on their most favorite teachers. The winners included: **Front row:** Ms. Diana Marks toughest; Mrs. Sarah Steyer most dedicated; Ms. Robin Spiker easiest to relate to and easiest to understand; Mr. Doug Oxford easiest to relate to. **Back row:** Mr. Jim Zimmerman toughest; Mr. David Mayfield easiest to understand, most dedicated and most school spirit; Mrs. Linda Garris most school spirit, best dressed and best looking; and Mr. Tom Woods best looking. Not pictured: Mr. Barry Shaffer, best dressed.



**WHO COULD EVER FORGET** the class clowns to grace the halls of Southern. The senior class voted Amanda McDonald and Mike Carola for this most prestigious position.







**MELVIN REXRODE**

Tennis 9-12

**JEREMY RHINE**

**DANNY RILEY**

**STEPHANIE M. RINGER**



**LISA R. ROBINETTE**

Art 9-10, Drama 9

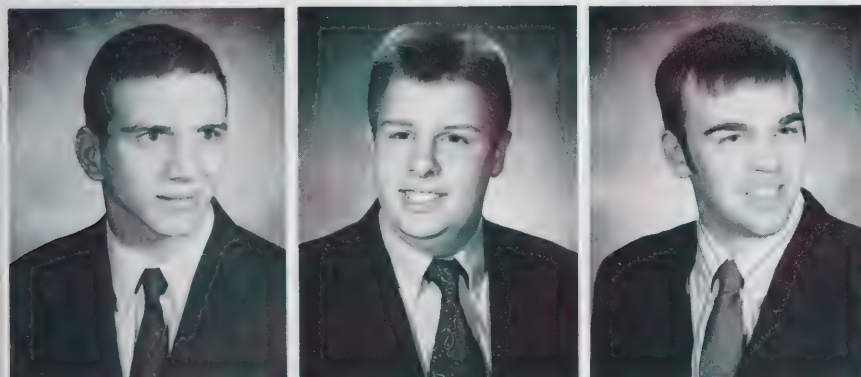
**APRIL RODEHEAVER**

**MICHAEL D. ROHRBAUGH**

VICA 9-12 Open & Closing Contestant 9, Prepared Speech Contestant 10, Safety Committee Chair 11, Vice President & Safety Committee Chair 12, Stage Band 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12

**CHRISTOPHER N. RONDEAU**

Marching Band 9-12 (Section Leader), Concert Band 9-12 (Section Leader), Jazz Band 9-12, Winter Percussion 10-12, Chorus 9-12, School Play 9 & 12



**ALISON L. RUDY**

Class Officer 9-12 (Secretary), Cheerleading 9-12 Captain 12, Track & Field 9-12, National Honor Society 11-12, School Store Manager 12

**WILLIAM SACHS**

**SCOTT W. SANDERS**

**SETH A. SANDERS**

Football 11-12



**GREGORY SAVAGE**

**ROBERT E. SCHMIDT**

FFA 9-12

**DAVID L. SCHOCH**

VICA 11-12

**CHRISTINA SCHROCK**



**ANDREW SEIB**

**DAVID SHAFFER**

**JENNIFER E. SHAFFER**

Softball 9-12, Basketball 9-11, Volleyball 10-11, National Honor Society 11-12

**RACHEL SHAFFER**



# Head start for college

"I think ECAP is a good program and it does give students a head start on their college education," Ms. Beverly Serpone, guidance counselor, said. "But, I also think that students aren't going to get any better education than from our teachers."

There were two students involved in ECAP (Early College Admission Program): Brittney Decker and Julie Glotfelty. They quit their senior year at Southern to go ahead and complete their freshman year at Garrett Community College.

"ECAP is beneficial because I will be ahead of the freshmen next year," Julie said.

Julie and Brittney both felt that they made a great decision dealing with their schooling and their future. Since Brittney was in the program from the beginning of the school year, she completed her senior year as well as her freshman year of college. Julie started second semester so her credits will transfer next year when she attends Allegany College.

"I think it is a very good opportunity to get a head start on your education after high school," Brittney said.

In order to be accepted, there were many requirements that a student had to complete. They ranged from grades,

attendance, functional tests and even completion of Service Learning hours.

ECAP brought out positive qualities: early completion of the freshman year in college, meeting new people, new environment and a new responsibility.

"The only disadvantage is that I don't see my friends as often and I miss them a lot," Julie said.

After the past three years of high school, both girls felt that Southern was a great school and it prepared them for college. Julie and Brittney both felt that this program should be viewed more by the students as another option for their senior year.

"More people should consider this because it is a lot of fun and interesting to be learning different things in a different atmosphere," Julie said.

For Brittney, ECAP was an answer to her prayers. "I am happy with the decision I made. I have no regrets and would highly recommend the ECAP program to anyone that is interested."

• Donnelle Dick



**HOURS AND HOURS ON END** finds Julie Glotfelty working on the computer in the library. Of the ECAP program, she said, "It was great meeting new friends. I liked the independence and love having a head start on my college future."



**FINDING THAT SPECIAL BOOK** for the report has Brittney Decker looking through shelves and shelves of books in the library. "The ECAP program was a great experience for me. The college atmosphere is a totally different atmosphere from high school because you are treated like an adult. It causes you to take responsibility for your actions and your study habits. In one way, it is easier and in another, it is harder because you are basically on your own."







**BROOKE E. SHANK**

Honor Chorus 10, Basketball 9, Chorus 9-10 & 12



**HARLAND F. SHARPLESS**

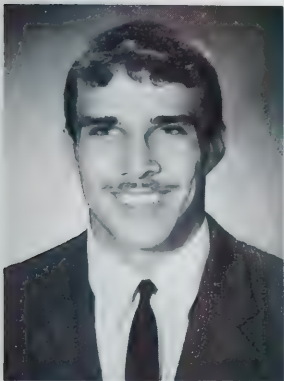
VICA 10-12 Parliamentarian 11, President 12, Who's Who Among High School Students 9-12, FFA 9-12, Student of the Month-Vocational 12



**STEVEN SHIFLETT**

**DANIEL C. SINCELL**

Soccer 9-10, Cross Country 10-12 (Captain), Track & Field 9-12 (Captain), National Honor Society 11-12, VICA Quiz Bowl 12, Model UN 10, School Play 10-11, Prom Planning Committee 11



**SARA SINCELL**



**SAMUEL SISLER**



**BETHANY SMITH**

**JENNIFER L. SMITH**



**MARK SNYDER**



**JACQUELYN M. STANLEY**

Concert Band 9-12 (Section Leader), Marching Band 9-12 (Co-Section Leader), Jazz Band 9-11, National Honor Society 11-12, Model UN 10-11, Honor Band 9-12, ACC Math Competition 11, Office Aid 12



**CHERI STEMPLE**

**JAMES E. STEYER**

Mock Trial 10-12 Vice President 11-12, VICA 10-12, Football 9-10



**MELISSA A. STEYER**

Child Care 11-12, Chorus 12, Honor Chorus 12, Christian Club 19-12, Who's Who Among High School Students 11



**HANNA L. STRATTON**



**MARNI J. SWEITZER**

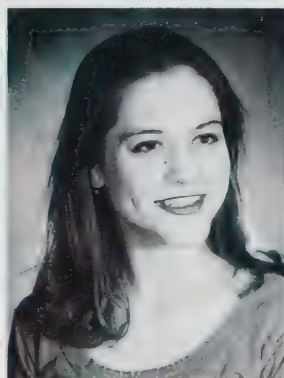
Basketball 9-12, Softball 10-12, National Honor Society 11-12, Track & Field 9, Journalism 12, Prom Planning Committee 11, Office Aid 12

**MIKE A. TALIAFERRO**



**ANYA R. TASKER**

Foods 10-12, Guidance Aid 12



**CRYSTAL L. TASKER**

Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12



**MICHELLE D. TETER**

Basketball 9-12, Journalism 10-12 Editor-in-Chief 11-12, Volleyball 9-12 Co-Captain 12, Track & Field 9-12 (Gold Medal Committee), Student Council 12 (Representative), Prom Planning Committee 11, Camp Hickory Counselor 11, Autumn Glory Princess 11, Prom Court 12, Homecoming Court 11-12

**JONI THOMAS**



# Humorous hour with elementary kids

"I found the experience of spending an hour with the kids humorous," Brad Zimmerman said. "Sometimes the kindergartners and first graders could read better than the third graders."

Brad was reminiscing about the journalism class going to Dennett Road Elementary School to have their students read to the journalism students.

"The experience of having little kids read to me was simply splendid," Meghan Mou said. "I enjoyed myself thoroughly in the relaxed atmosphere."

Dennett Road's Mrs. Donna Cook came up with the idea of having high school students go to the elementary school to have the younger students read to the older high school students.

"I enjoyed the readings brought forth by the many children," Karlo Gesner said. "Lindsay Strubin's depiction of 'Chu Chu,' the race car driver, opened doors to other worlds for Matt (Walshall) and I."

The high school students at first thought journalism ad-

viser Mr. Doug Buckley was wrong when he said the elementary children were going to read to the high school students. The journalism students thought surely it would be the other way round

"I think it was a good experience for us and the Dennett Road children," Donnelle Dick said. "At first some of the kids were afraid of me but before we would leave the class, they were talking my ear off."

"Listening to the little kids read was a good experience, because it reminded me about the obstacles that I faced as a little kid learning to read," Brandon Ferguson said.

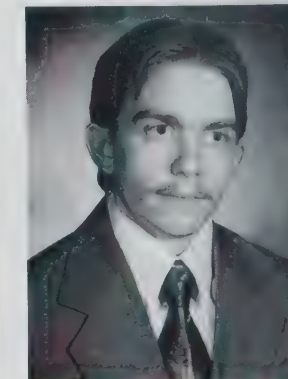
"I thought that the readings were great. The kids really seemed to enjoy reading to us. I even got to hear 'Green Eggs, and Ham' again," Steven Allison said.

"It was fun because I got to help little kids with their readings. The kids were really fun to help. I would go back again," Mike Bittinger said.



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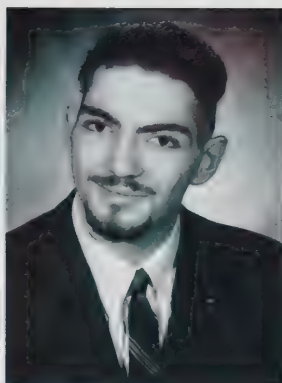






**MICHELLE D. THOMPSON**

Chorus 10-12, Art Honorary 12 (Secretary, Treasurer)



**GEORGE C. TICHNELL**

Cross Country 12, Track & Field 11-12, VICA Quiz Bowl 11-12 Reporter 12



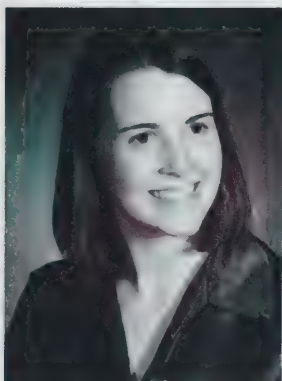
**THOMAS L. UPHOLD**

Track 12



**JASON M. UPOLE**

Marching Band 10-12, Jazz Band 10-12, Concert Band 9-12



**CRYSTAL D. VIRTS**

Chorus 10-12



**MATTHEW R. WALTHALL**

Who's Who Among High School Students 9, Blind Skier Guide 9-11,  
Journalism 9-12, Foreign Exchange Program 10-11, Soccer 12



**ERIN M. WAMPLER**

School Play 11-12, National Honor Society 12, Basketball 9-10,  
Tennis 10



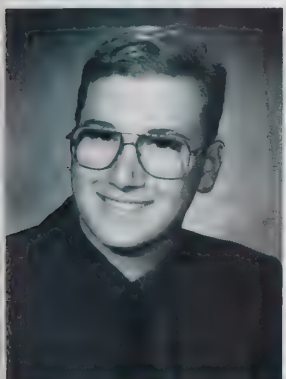
**CHAD E. WARNICK**

Baseball 9-12, Football 9-12, Basketball 9-10, VICA 11-12



**KRISTIN R. WARNICK**

Marching Band 9-11, Winterguard 9-11, Office Aid 11-12



**BRUCE WARSAW**



**NATHANIEL WATKINS**

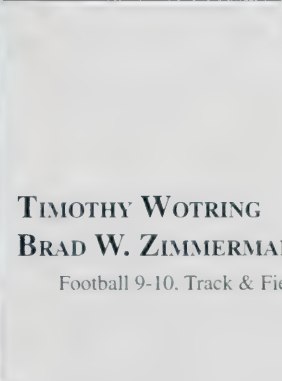


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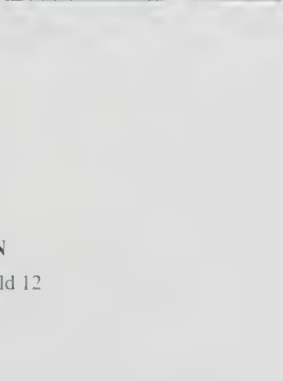
**MARGARET M. WHITE**

Chorus 12, Child Care 11-12, Foods  
9-11



**JUSTIN O. WILSON**

VICA 12



**RENA WILT**

**SHELLEY J. WINTERS**

Volleyball 9-12, Softball 9-12, Basketball Statistician 11, Wrestling Manager  
10, Ram's Mascot 12

**TIMOTHY WOTRING**

**BRAD W. ZIMMERMAN**

Football 9-10, Track & Field 12



# Jason Lottmann Wins Class Clown

As the results of the freshman class survey were tallied, it was obvious that Jason Lottmann had won the position of "Class Clown" with a majority of votes from his fellow freshmen.

"Jason really deserved to get 'Class Clown'," Jamie Bosley, freshman, said. "Most of the time he is hilarious, but sometimes he can just act stupid."

Many people were pleased with the outcome of the survey.

"I am glad the people who won did win," Justin DiSimone, freshman, said. "Jason is really funny. Charlena (Reeves) is really good at basketball and Jamie (Bosley) is just fun to be around."

Other freshmen completely

disagreed with the winners of certain categories.

"Anissa (Jamison) does not mean to flirt," April Bernard, freshman, said. "She is just a really nice person and Steve (Eiswert) is not a flirt. He is just Steve."

Although many people were enthusiastic about taking the survey and finding out who won, others did not like them.

"Surveys should not be taken," Elizabeth McDonald, freshman, said. "We should not judge each other and create the illusion that some people are better than others. It is pointless."

• Jessica Hinebaugh



**Most Fun To Be With:** Jamie Bosley, Chelsea Stuck



**Class Clown:** Jason Lottmann, Brandy VonHagel



**Most Athletic:** Rusty Strubin, Charlena Reeves



**Biggest Flirt:** Steve Eiswert, Anissa Jamison

Beverly Ackerman	10
Marcia Ahern	9
Kimberlee Andreis	10
John Andrews	11
Juanita Armstrong	9
Beth Ashby	9
Katy Ashby	10

Julia Atkinson	11
Jessica Ayers	10
Nicholas Bailey	11
Amy Baker	9
Elizabeth Baker	9
Jessica Baker	11
Rebecca Baker	10







**Most Talented:** Andrew Grant, Andrea Savage



**Best Looking:** Rusty Strubin, Erin Orr



Tonia Baker 9  
Bryan Bernard 10  
Kenneth Bazemore 9

Marcie Beachy 10  
Elisa Beck 9  
Aaron Beckman 10



Amanda Beckman 9  
Angela Beckman 9  
Tim Beckman 10  
Carrie Beitzel 10  
Christopher Beitzel 11  
Jason Beitzel 9  
Marlana Beitzel 9

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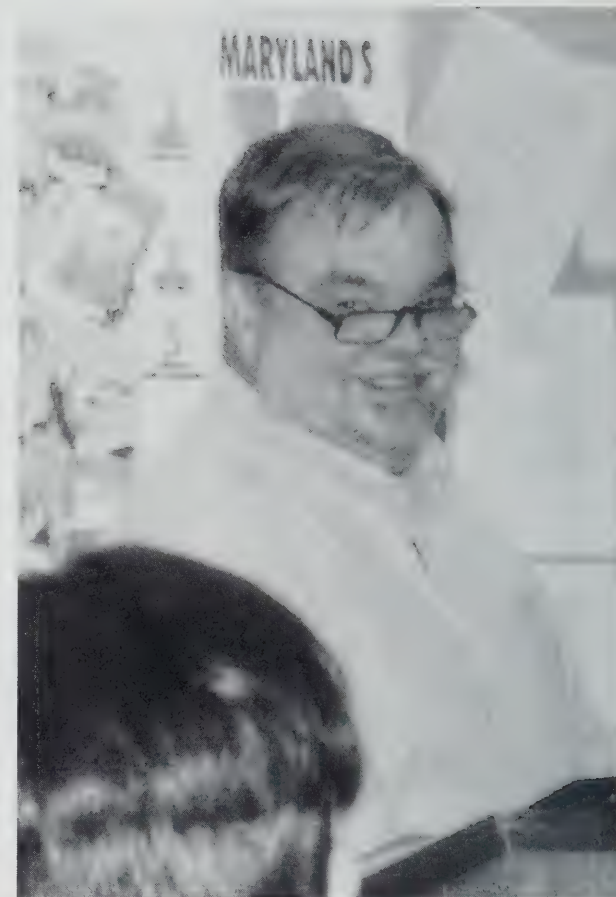
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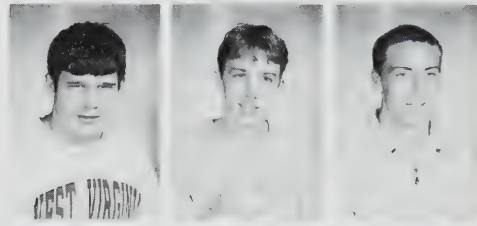
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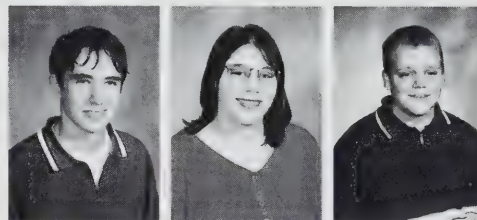
**MR. JOE HEATHERMAN IS THE DRIVER'S** education teacher along with the help of Mr. Wilbur Hinebaugh. With teamwork, they are able to teach the students driving techniques in the classroom as well as on the road.



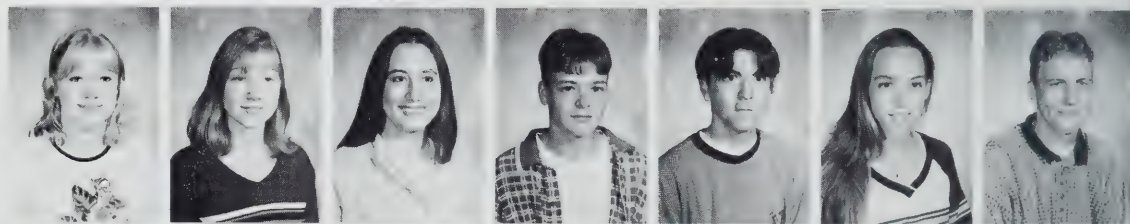
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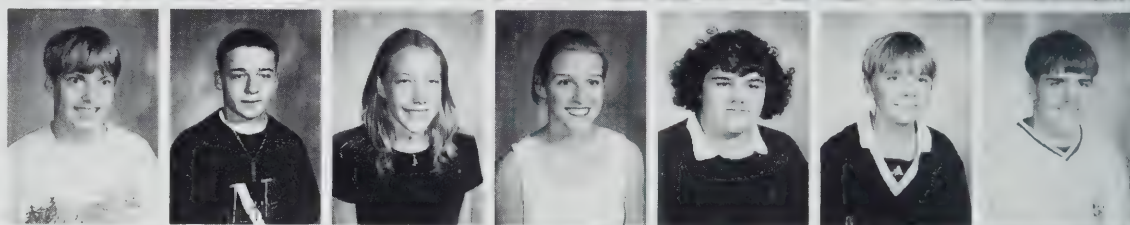
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Tim Burns 10



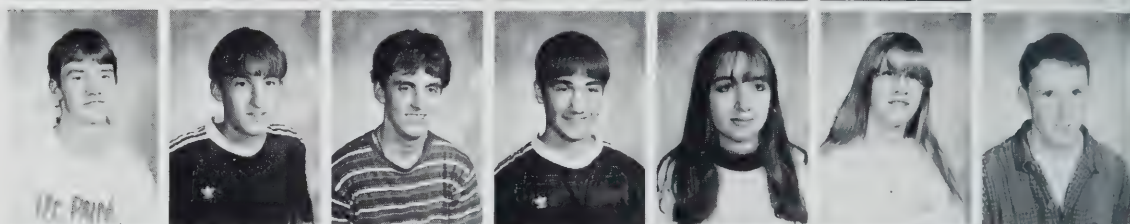
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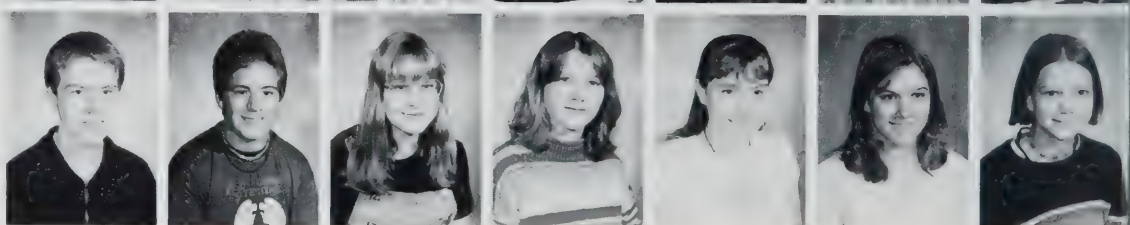
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Stephanie Cowgill 9  
Emilee Craver 10  
Tiffany Craver 11  
Amber Crites 11  
Terri Crosby 11





# Be alert! Student driver

"I think that some of the scariest experiences I've had on the road since I started driving have mostly been tailgaters," Laura Taylor, junior, said. "Once I pulled out in front of a huge truck and I didn't move. The car just sat there until the truck passed me on the shoulder of the road. It scared me so bad, I thought I was going to die."

Sophomores and juniors took driver's education to learn the rules of the road so they could eventually get their licenses.

However, these young drivers lacked the experience needed when confronted with an emergency or scary situation.

"The first time I drove on interstate 68, there was so much fog I could not see more than a couple feet ahead of me," Jennifer Durben, junior, said. "I was getting very paranoid because I kept thinking there were cars right in front of me. It was the most nerve racking experience I've ever had driving."

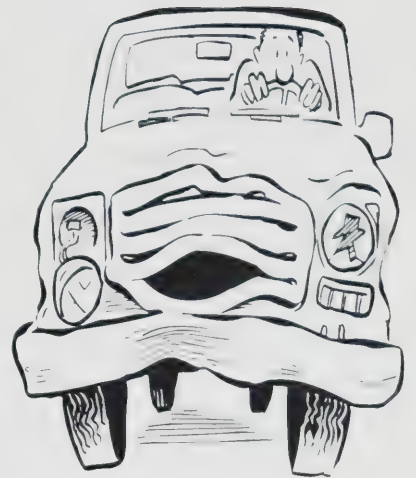
These students were taught

and trained in driver's ed. to deal with difficult situations. Then, when they came face to face with a situation, they found it hard to react positively.

Driver's ed. prepared the students for driving before and after they got their license. Some students were thankful that they were given this opportunity.

"I took driver's ed. because it helps prepare you for driving and I definitely need it," Sarah Winter, sophomore, said. "I had never driven before taking driver's ed."

• Rachel Farmer



**ADAM MURRAY SITS IN A DRIVER'S ED.** simulator learning the proper way to scan the road ahead. In drivers ed they use the simulators to give the students a sense of the feeling to drive a car before they actually have the chance.

**ANGIE RECKART FOLLOWS ALONG** in the book as Mr. Joe Heatherman teaches valuable information for good driving. By finishing all the required work and on-the-road driving, the students were able to get their certificate which they earned during the semester.



Alice Crosco	9
Gary Crosco	11
Russell Crosco	11
Tommy Crosco	11
Daniel Cummings	11
Jeanine Cummings	9
Matt Cuppett	9

Stacey Curtis	9
Michael Daily	9
Jeremy Davis	10
Joni Davis	9
Richard DeBerry	11
David Deem	10
Melissa Deem	10



# Paugh, Sears win **Class Clown** again

"Bryson (Paugh) is the perfect pick for the funniest male sophomore," Emily Nemith, sophomore, said. "I've never been around him for more than five minutes without cracking up. I had theater with him last year and he was absolutely hilarious."

The results of the sophomore class survey showed that Paugh had won the title of "Class Clown" for the second year in the row. Out of the 176 surveys that were tallied, 89 of the "Class Clown" votes belonged to Paugh. His closest contender was Brian Ox-

ford with 14 votes.

Tiffany Sears accompanied Paugh as the female "Class Clown" for her second win of her high school career.

Many sophomores agreed with the nomination of the rest of the survey winners.

"I think that it is wondrous that Amanda (Stewart) and Tim (Beckman) received 'Most Talented'," Evie White, sophomore, said. "They are both marvelous musicians, and they both have worked really hard for their recognition by being so involved in

their music."

Yet, some sophomores disagreed with the results of the survey.

"I've been around Bonnie Riley and Brian Oxford and believe me, it wasn't a fun experience," Alex Hill, sophomore, said. "They just act stupid all the time and try to make other people think that it's funny."

The nominees for "Most Fun To Be With" were awfully close in the race, though Oxford and Riley were the winners.

"I don't think Bethany (Sav-

age) should have won 'Biggest Flirt'," Becca Gangler, sophomore, said. "She tries too hard to flirt and doesn't make it look natural."

Although most of the students agreed with the surveys, a few people completely rejected them.

"Most of the people who won didn't win because they were the best or the biggest of their categories," Danny Friend, sophomore, said. "They won because of how popular they are."

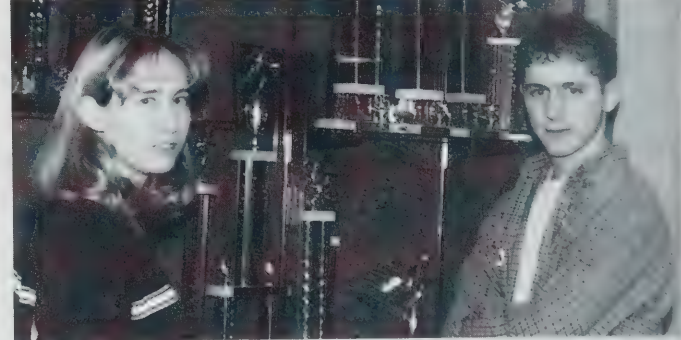
• Jessica Hinebaugh



**Class Clown:** Bryson Paugh, Tiffany Sears



**Most Talented:** Tim Beckman, Amanda Stewart



**Most Athletic:** Josh Bosley, Jennifer Teagarden



**Most Fun To Be With:** Brian Oxford, Bonnie Riley

Angel Dees	9
Jennifer Dees	10
Jacob Dehus	9
Mike Dehus	11
Mark Dever	11
Sarah Dever	9
Alicia DeWitt	10

Brandy DeWitt	9
Danielle DeWitt	11
DeReck DeWitt	10
Jennifer DeWitt	10
Jeremy DeWitt	9
Theresa DeWitt	10
Tommy Diehl	11







**Biggest Flirt:** Jon Browning, Bethany Savage

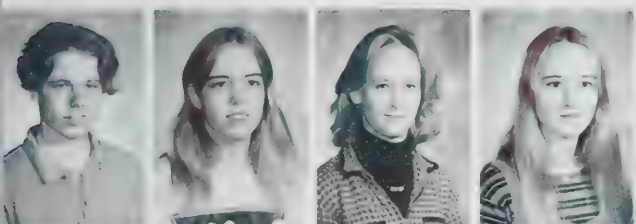
**Best Looking:** Josh Bosley, Heather Hanline



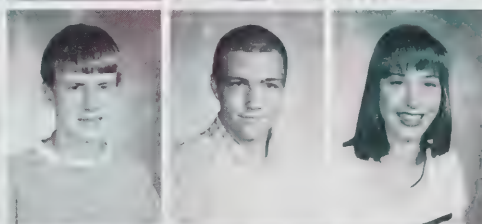
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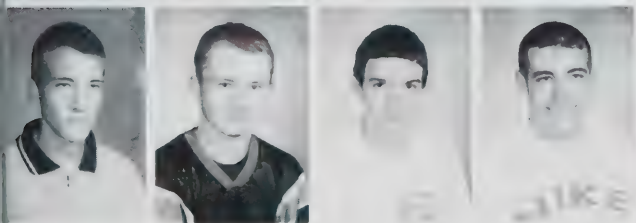
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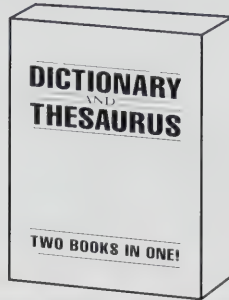
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Tony Fike 10  
Jason Finch 10  
Jennifer Fitzwater 11  
Joshua Fitzwater 9  
Nick Fogle 9



# Practice test for real thing



"I think the PSAT's can be very useful for when you take the SAT's," Sara Shrewsbury, junior, said. "It prepares you for the real thing."

Every year sophomores had to take the pre-SAT test. This test was given to help prepare students for the SAT 1 test. It was basically a practice test that let students know what to expect on the SAT.

"They were hard but were a good experience," Beth Sauder, sophomore, said.

It was mandatory for sophomores to take the test but optional for juniors.

Due to the nature of the PSAT's, some students felt that the test did not prepare them adequately for the SAT's.

"I think they are a waste of time," Bobby Murphy, junior, said. "They don't prepare you for anything."

While some may have shared this idea, most felt that the PSAT's were a good learning experience.

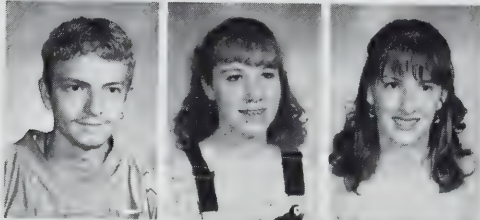
"I thought that it was really good that the juniors had a chance to take it as a practice test this year," Whitney Myers, junior, said.

• Rachel Farmer

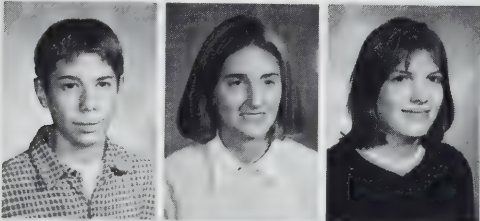
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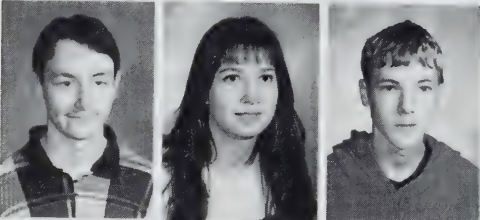
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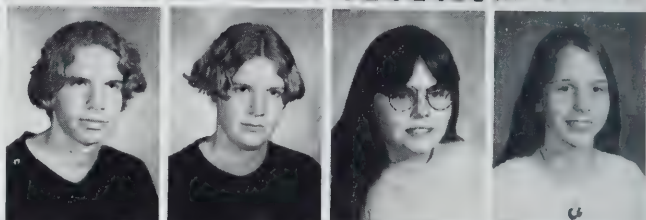
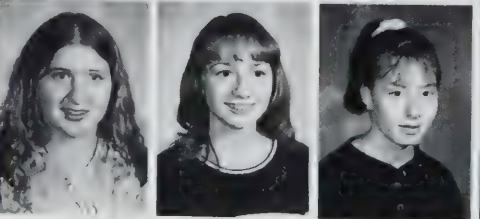
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**WORKING WITH Ms. BEVERLY SERPONE**, guidance counselor, Ashley Shreve fills out PSAT papers to prepare for the test. Ashley worked in the guidance office and had time to prepare for the test with the help of the guidance counselors.

**STUDYING FOR THE PSAT**, Arley Stimak goes over the areas in which she is concerned and worried about doing well in. Most students were more concerned with the verbal part of the test than any other part.



Andrew Grant	9
Aliza Green	9
Nathan Gregg	9
Amanda Gregory	10
Amber Gregory	9
Becky Griffith	9
Dustin Guthrie	10

Nicole Guy	11
Allison Hamilton	10
Ricky Hamilton	11
Heather Hanline	10
Bushrod Hardesty	10
Jason Hardesty	9
W.T. Harless	9



# Andrews, McClive voted Most Talented

"Devon McClive deserved 'Most Talented' because she is a wonderful musician," Megan Conroy, junior, said. "She expresses her talent through the violin and piano beautifully."

As the votes of the junior class survey were tallied, many categories were won by a single vote. McClive won "Most Talented" by one vote over Annie Neville. Nathan DiSimone, who had 11 votes, just beat Boyd Bagwell, who received 10 votes, as the "Best Looking" guy in eleventh grade. Jarrett Bolden also narrowly won his category of "Biggest Flirt" as Jon Price and DiSimone trailed him by a single vote. The "Most Fun To Be With" category was a close competition between Crystal Hinnatt

and Katie Helbig, but Hinnatt received a vote that put her over Helbig to win.

Overall most juniors were pleased with the results.

"Crystal and I have been friends for a really long time and I definitely feel that she deserved 'Most Fun To Be With'," Toni Sullivan, junior, said. "I'm around her a lot and I never get bored of her. She can always make me laugh."

Other people had their own opinions on who they believed should have really won.

"I believe that Alica Sausman should have won 'Most Fun To Be With' not 'Class Clown'," Rilene Lloyd, junior, said. "She's more energetic, amusing, and just fun to be around, not funny."

• Jessica Hinebaugh



**Most Talented:** John Andrews, Devon McClive



**Best Looking:** Nathan DiSimone, Crystal Hinnatt



**Biggest Flirt:** Jarrett Bolden, Katelyne McBee



**Most Fun To Be With:** Mike Pamepinto, Crystal Hinnatt

Jimmy Hart	10
Bridget Hartman	10
Chris Harvey	9
Mike Harvey	11
Randy Harvey	11
Becca Harvey	10
John Hauser	9

Jeremy Hayhurst	9
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Jordan Hazelwood	10
Tony Hebb	9
Billy Hebb	9
Katie Helbig	11
Jillena Henderson	11



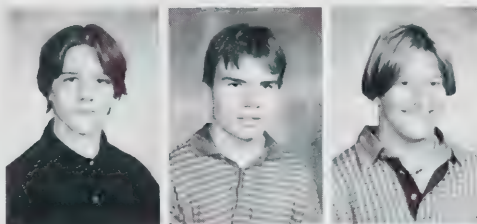




**Class Clown:** Jon Price, Alicia Sausman



**Most Athletic:** John Andrews,  
Katelyne McBee



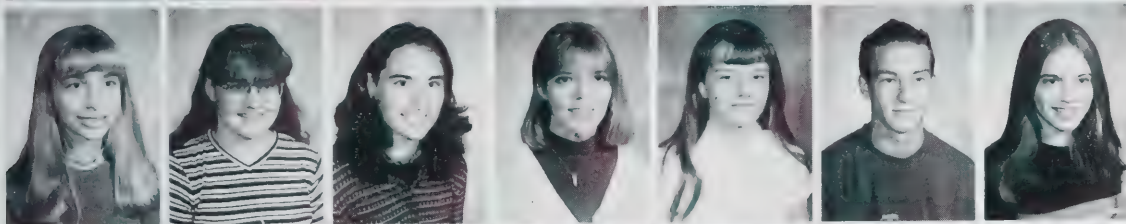
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Alex Hill 10



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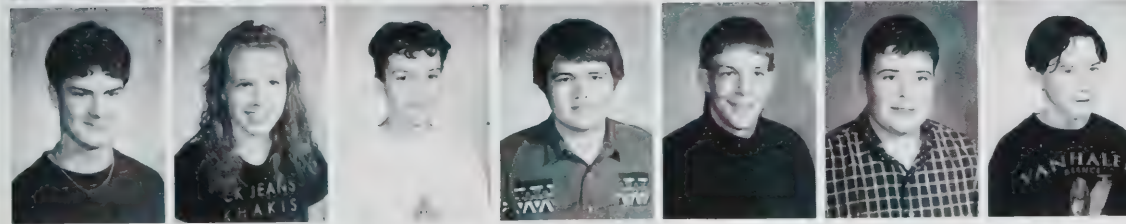
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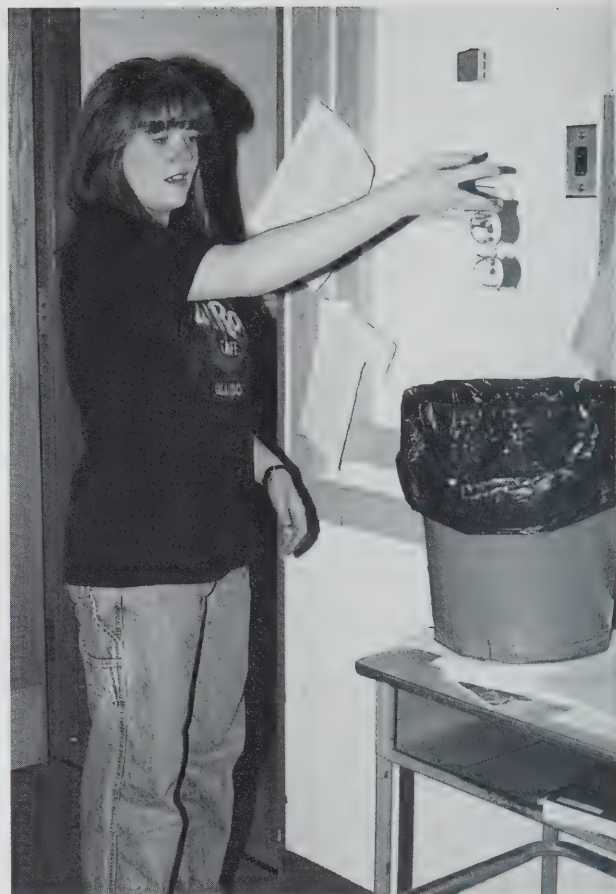
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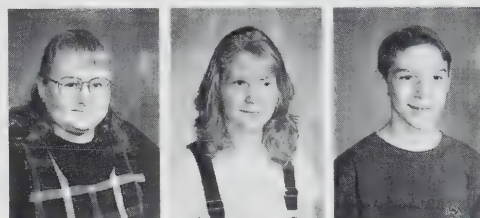
**JACKIE MCKENZIE LAUGHS** at Jessica Hinebaugh because "Jessica looks funny in her glasses," Jackie said. Jessica decided to throw her glasses away and go to contacts which has dramatically changed her appearance.



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Michael Lantz 10



Tabitha Lantz 10  
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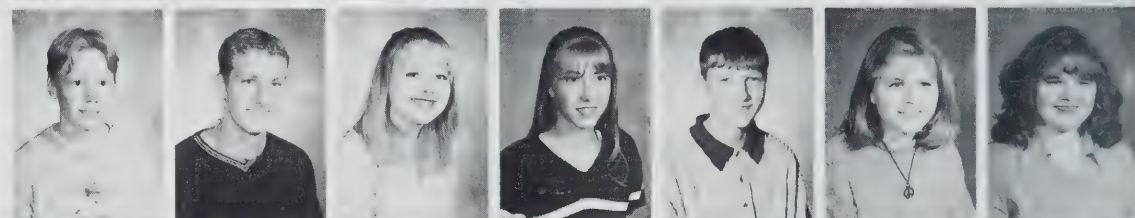
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Rilene Lloyd 11  
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Jon Lucas 10  
Mindy Lucas 9  
Tara Lucas 11



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Diana Mayfield 10  
Susan Mayfield 11





# Ever been called four - eyes?

Were you ever called four-eyes because you wore glasses? Were contacts too irritating for your eyes? Students answered these questions with different views.

"Wearing contacts is good because you don't have big, bulky glasses, but your eyes itch and get irritated easy," Kim Lewis, sophomore, said.

One cause of irritation for many contact wearers was getting a speck of dust on a contact. If they didn't have any contact solution, they would just put the contact in their mouth to clean it.

"I prefer to wear glasses over contacts so that they're easier to remove during the day," Rilene Lloyd, junior, said. "My eyes are also sensitive."

Glasses were a lot less maintenance for some students. On the other hand, glasses were almost as much work as contacts for others.

"Glasses are not that bad," Tabitha Lantz, sophomore, said. "However, they are a pain sometimes. I have been wearing them for about seven years now. You constantly have to wipe the finger prints off and even keep

pushing them up. They aren't fun when you have to wear them all of the time."

Contacts came in all different colors and sizes. It became a fashion statement to wear contacts that were hunter green, violet or bright blue.

"I wear violet contacts," Terry Crosby, junior, said. "You'll not believe how many people come up to me and say 'Wow, your eyes are blue.' I think that colored contacts are a device used to change you identity and express your individuality."

• Racher Farmer



**PUTTING HER CONTACT SOLUTION** in her hand, Erica Wilt cleans her contact so that she can put it in to see. Erica decided to go to contacts because her glasses seemed to hold her back in her active life.

**CARRIE FRIEND PUTS EYE DROPS** in her eyes. Carrie often puts eye drops in her eyes to prevent them from getting blood shot and swore.



Shawnda Mayle	11
Katelyne McBee	11
Casey McBee	11
Michelle McCartney	11
Devon McClive	11
Tim McDaniel	9
Elizabeth McDonald	9
Molly McGowan	9
Jackie McKenzie	9
Jennifer McNair	9
Sherrie Merrbach	10
Dina Mesa	9
Dennis Mesa	10
Brianne Meyers	10



# An exceptional sight...

"The State House was an exceptional sight," Jeremy Kisner said. "With its fine artwork and hard working members of the Maryland government, Annapolis will remain to be a landmark to this state."

Jeremy's remarks were about Mr. David Beard's Civics trip to the state capital the last week of March.

Students left at 6 a.m. for what turned out to be a sunny, very warm day in Annapolis, the warmest day Southern's students had seen in the spring.

Students sat in on both the Senate and House sessions, but sometimes didn't fully appreciate the work being done. "I enjoyed watching the debates in the Senate and House, but I didn't really understand what the Senate was

talking about," Marlana Beitzel said.

Students also went on a tour of the Naval Academy, including the crypt of John Paul Jones. "The best thing about the trip was the tomb of John Paul Jones," Brian Cline said. "When you walked in, you had a real eerie feeling in your stomach. You knew their was a well known man in that crypt."

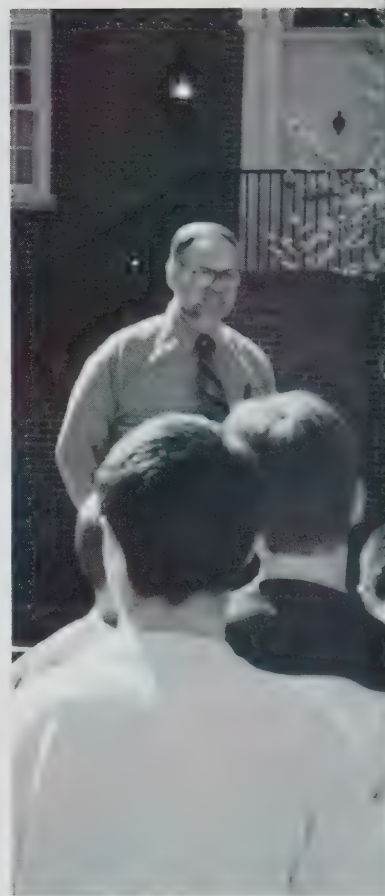
The Naval Academy also put about 4,000 young men on view. "A lot of things amazed me about Annapolis," Stevie Ervin said. "I've never seen so many good looking guys in my life. If you ever have the change to go on this trip, do not pass it up. It's worth the ride."

Students also learned how difficult it is to get into the Academy. "The thing that impressed me the

most was the size of the Academy and how it was all linked together," Bryce Taylor said. "Another thing that impressed me was how many criteria you had to meet just to be considered eligible to attend the school."

Annapolis was, of course, a very old town. "I loved the houses and the way they made the roads," Jenni Millican said. "It was pretty neat. I think everyone had fun."

The Naval Academy's ballroom caught the eye of Nikki Ravenscroft. "I noticed the beauty of the decorations. The ceiling was filled with lights that went in circular patterns. The two huge crystal chandelier and the beautiful pictures of the boat painted on the walls were very beautiful."



**AFTER SITTING IN ON A QUESTION** and answer session with Senator John Hafer, Jason Lottman and Chris Remley ask their final questions. Questions ranged from the problem with black bears to uniforms for school students. "I was very impressed at how quickly the bills were turned down or passed," Billy Hebb said.

**SITTING IN THE THURGOOD MARSHALL** plaza, Steven Eiswert, Eric Archer, Dustin Slider, Ryan Ewing, Bryan Panther and (standing) Jason Lottman soak up the sunshine. "I think that it's really neat that the only thing you have to pay for, if you get accepted at the Naval Academy, is a computer and you get to take it with you when you graduate," Becky Rinehart said.



Jeannine Meyers	11
Justin Michaels	9
Kristen Michaels	11
Regina Mick	11
Coy Miller	9
Jeremy Miller	10
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Jessica Miller	9
Leah Miller	9
Michelle Miller	9
Stephanie Miller	10
Thomas Miller	10
Jennifer Millican	9
Tina Minnick	11







**JUST BEFORE THEIR BREAK** while waiting for Senator John Hafer. Mr. David Beard talks to the freshmen students just outside of the State House. "I liked the way Senator Hafer answered questions that we asked," Jillena Henderson said. "The sessions of the Assembly we sat in on were really interesting to see how they debate and amend laws."



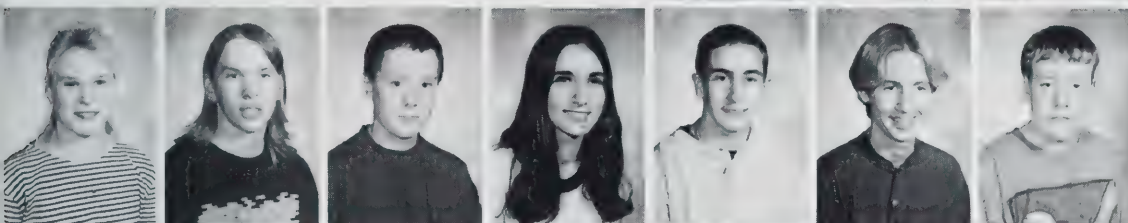
**LISTENING INTENTLY TO THEIR TOUR GUIDE** from Century Three Tours, Stevie Ervin, Dawn Powers and Joni Davis hear of colonial Annapolis. "I thought that the best part of the tour was seeing the naval base," Chad Shidemantle said. "I thought it was neat because seeing some of its history was fun. Some neat things were how they would dress up that Indian statue and then they would toss pennies to try to get them on his shoulder for good luck."



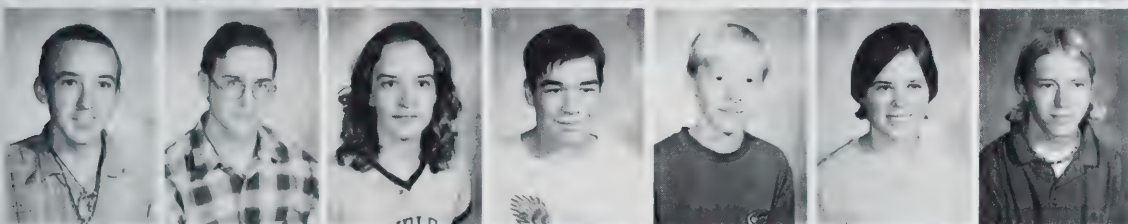
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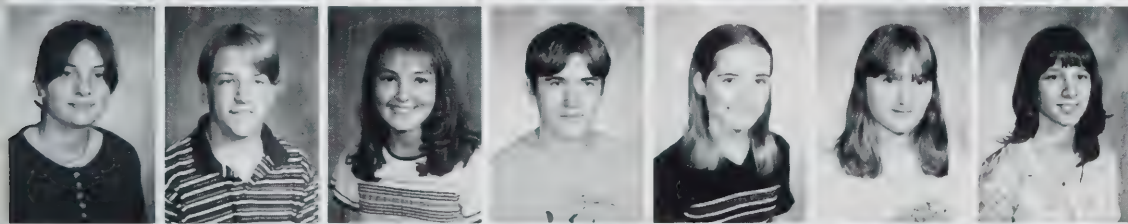
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Rebekah Newman	11
Chad Nice	10
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Teresa Ohler	10



Nicholas Oliverio	10
Erin Orr	9
James Otto	9
June Ours	9
Brian Oxford	10
Michael Paesani	11
Amanda Pagenhardt	9



**THE CLASS OF 2000** and the class of 1999 are both represented on many jackets. Most people thought that the '00 look weird on jackets while the '99 look perfectly fine. Some people didn't even know what the '00 stood for.

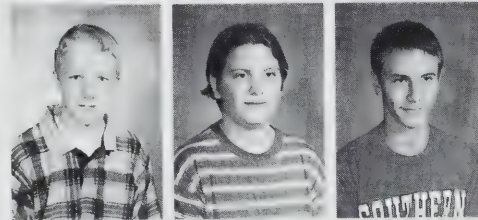
**CHRISSY STEYER IS SHOWING JENNIFER TEAGARDEN** that the number "99" looks much better than "00" on their sport jackets. Since "00" amounted to nothing and "99" amounted to a lot, you the reader of this caption may decide which year is best



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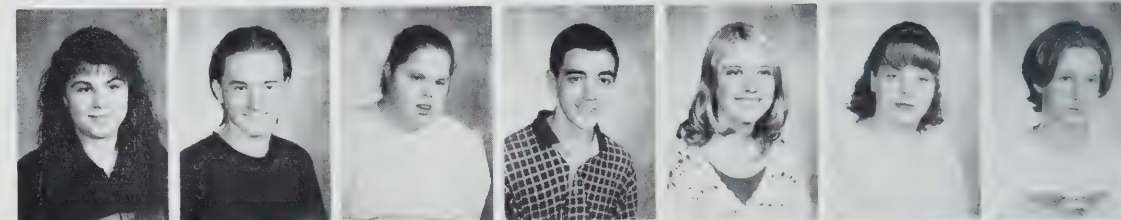
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James Reed 10  
Amanda Reese 11  
Ashley Reese 11





# Picked on, put down

How would you like to be picked on and put down for the class you're graduating in?

"No matter how much I get picked on, I'm still proud to graduate in the year 2000," Kim Hinebaugh, sophomore, said. "It's the beginning of a new century."

Some students who graduate in the class '01 feel very proud of themselves. "I'm proud of graduating with the class '01 cause we are #1 of the next century, and '00 is a big nothing," Amy Baker, freshman, said.

Different years in which students graduate gave them different attitudes. "I am very proud of having the honor to graduate in

the year 2000," Mark Collins, sophomore, said.

The class of '99 felt that they were much more important. "I guess I would rather be in the class of '99 because it is the last year of the millennium and since there was no year zero, I guess it's kinda cool to graduate in '99," Sarah Thomas, junior, said.

Some students wanted to be in a different class than '00. "I would rather be in the class of '99 because everyone remembers the last year of the century," Andi Bender, junior, said. "Plus you get to go out with a bang!"

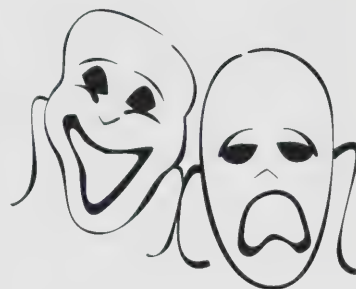
Alayna Shaffer said she was proud to graduate in the year

2001 because it was not a zero. She would rather be number one than a zero.

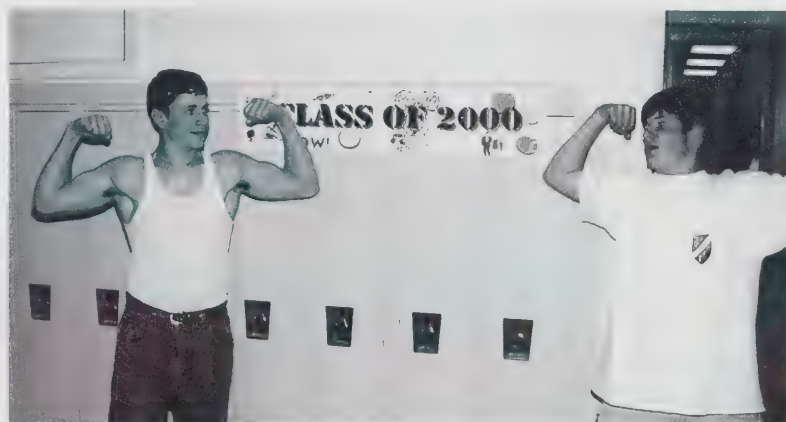
"I'm not worried about being in the class of 2000 because our class has better people in it," Bridget Hartman, sophomore, said.

Jimmy Gallagher said he was a junior and he got a '99 on his coat. "Ninety-nine is cool but California is to fall in to the Ocean in 1999. I'll be above it, sneering, with a camera. People graduating in 2000 must feel stupid with only 0's on their coats," James, a junior, said.

• Shannon Elliott



Looking at the poster of the class of 2000, Larry Bernard and Bryson Paugh are showing all of their power and might toward their class.



WITH ALL HER POWER AND MIGHT, Shannon Elliott, Class of '99, is getting ready to beat the snot out of Bridget Hartman, Class of '00 while Katelyne McBee, Class of '99, is making sure

Bridget doesn't get away. Shannon and Katelyne didn't mind picking at Bridget because they thought their Class of '99 was the bomb compared to the Class of 00.



Sheena Reese	9
Charlena Reeves	9
Chris Remley	9
Eric Rexrode	11
John Rhodes	11
Stan Rhodes	11
Barbara Ricketts	10

Andrew Rickman	10
Reggie Ridder	11
Thomas Ridder	9
Bonnie Riley	10
T.J. Riley	10
Rebecca Rinehart	9
Justin Rinker	11



# Superhero driven by madness

"When the sunsets over this cold earth, the darkness calls me," Brian Oxford, sophomore, said. "I feel like a super hero or maybe a secret agent at times. My duty: to protect my neighborhood from the evils lurking in the dark. I like soccer too."

A hobby varied as much from one person to another. It was a hybrid of one's inner-self and sometimes total madness.

Everyone, every sex, height, weight and color had a hobby. Some were as original and personalized as the way people dressed or wore their hair. One would be surprised to know what some of their peers did in their spare time.

For Mark Ludwig and Andrew Grant, apple smashin' the day away was always on the agenda.

"It's cool to just know you are the one with the power," Andrew, a freshman, said. "3---2---1. You count down. Then all together---SMASH! There's nothing like the feeling of apple juice down the forehead."

Some hobbies could show some hidden talent or just be the results of being bored out of one's mind.

"When I think of Mr. (Doug) Buckley, I become inspired, then make styrofoam cup art," Heather Winebrenner, junior, said. "It all started in his World History class, 10th. grade. I'd become bored quickly with the monotony of history and then came the hole poking and styrofoam crunching. Before you could say non-biodegradable, I had a new hobby."

Others hobbies revolved sorely around entertainment. There's nothing like capturing an audience's attention.

"My hobby is juggling," Jacob Dehus, freshman, said. "I love it! When I do it, I feel so good and cool because everyone around me seems so amused, and besides, I love to entertain people."

Some people picked up more traditional forms of hobbies.

"Hobby, maybe talent for sure," Denny Stallard, freshman, said. "Yo-yoing is what I do. It's my fun. I yo-yo all the time: in school, at home, when I walk, always. If that yo-yo isn't on my hand, best believes it's in my pocket. It's rarely in the pocket though. I am da yo-yo king!"

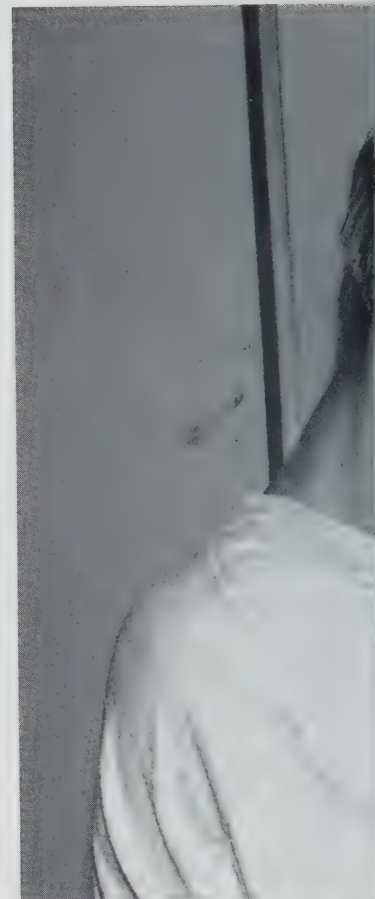
And then there was the most practical: the collectors.

"I collect stamps as my hobby," Josh Sharon, freshman, said. "I mean why not. My parents and grandparents buy them for me. I throw them in a book and they gain value. Maybe someday I'll be able to live off of my stamps. Who knows?"

Well, regardless of the tastes of these people for their hobbies, one thing was for sure. No matter how much these hobbies differed, they all had one thing in common. They were definitely out of the ordinary.

• Misty Sharpless

**JACOB DEHUS ENJOYS JUGGLING** as his out of the ordinary hobby. "It's not about me and my hobby," Jacob said. "It's about the people and what they want to see. As long as it pleases the audience, I'm happy. I'm just doing my job."



"My wide

selection of

snowflake art

got its start in

Mr. (Doug)

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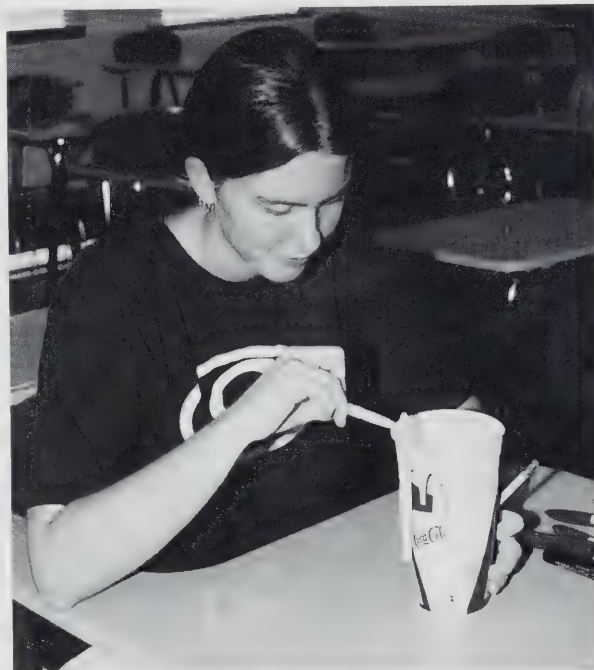
Winebrenner

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Marshall Rodeheaver	11
Brian Roderick	10
Jason Rohrbaugh	10

Kris Rohrbaugh	10
Brian Rollman	10
Crystal Romesburg	9
Monique Root	9
Alexander Roth	11
Andrew Rounds	10
Keith Rounds	9







**OUCH! I BET THAT HURT!** Andrew Grant enjoys passing the day away by smashing apples on his forehead. "No apple can

withstand the powerful force of a massive forehead," Andrew said. "The forehead's domineering power can't be stopped."



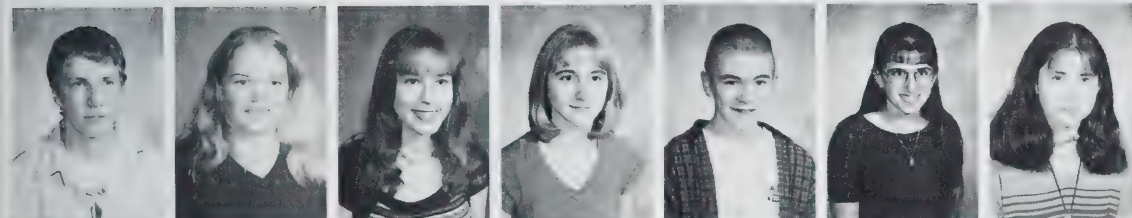
**PATROLLING THE HALLS IS BRIAN OXFORD**, otherwise known as *Super Ox*. Usually around 10 p.m., the Oxford house turned from typical to a place of turmoil. "The streets of Oakland are safe from evil doers when Super Ox is around," Brian said. "I also like to run around the neighborhood, dodging cars and firing squirt guns while playing 007. My name's Oxford, Brian Oxford."



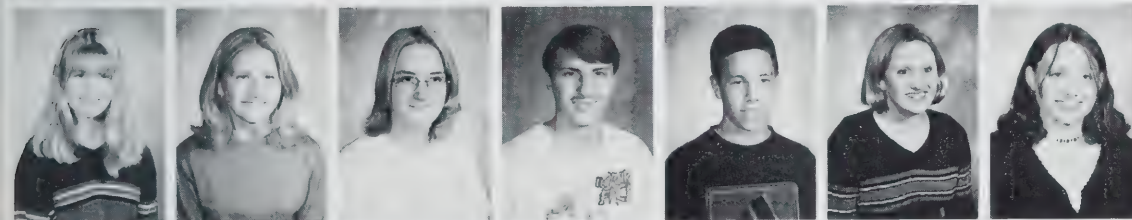
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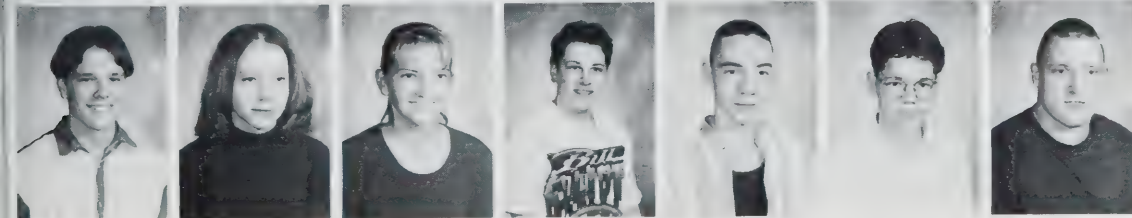
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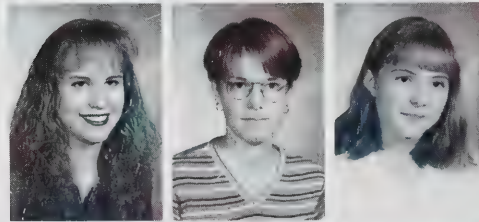
**RACING TO STAY AHEAD OF THE RUNNERS** behind him, Peter Porcaro dashes toward the finish line at a cross country race at Broadford Park. Peter, along with the other members of his team, practiced each evening after school to become state champs.



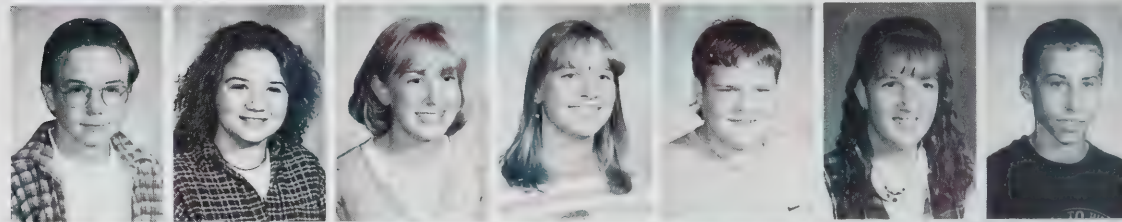
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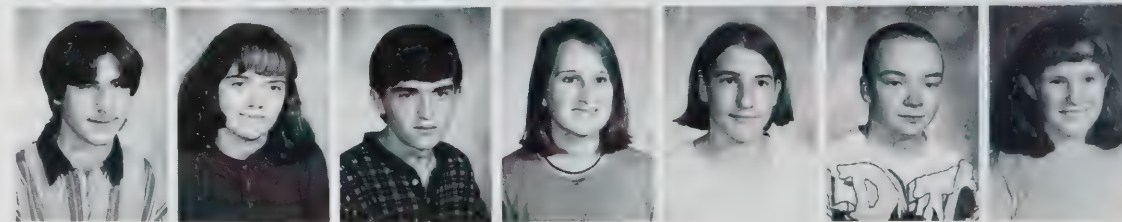
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Monica Smith 11  
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Amy Snyder 11



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Angela Solomon 10  
Joyce Solomon 9  
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Desiree Spady 11  
Mindy Spano 10



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Amanda Spink 11  
Joseph Spink 9  
Kristen Spurrier 10  
Nathan Stahl 10  
Denny Stallard 9  
Krissy Stanton 9





# What do you do after school?

For most students, 3:15 p.m. marked the end of their workday, while for others their workday had just begun.

For some students, after school jobs took up most of their free time. Students seemed to hold jobs in order to pay the expenses of having a car and to have extra money.

While some students had jobs, others took part in sports. The students that were involved in sports found themselves devoted to practices and games in

the evenings without much free time.

"During volleyball season, I don't have a lot of time to relax or even hold a job like I want to because of the six days of practice a week and the pressure of keeping an 'A' average," Meranda Byers, sophomore, said. "Even though I lose a lot of free time playing volleyball, I don't really mind because I enjoy the sport."

For students who didn't have jobs or were not involved in

sports, many spent their time after school doing things such as talking on the phone, watching television or doing their homework.

"When I get home from school, I watch one hour of television and then I do my homework," Alicia DeWitt, sophomore, said. "I always try to get my homework done as soon as possible so that I don't have to worry and so that I can take a nap because I'm normally pretty tired after school's out."

Some students spent their time after school getting their required service learning hours done. Other students spent many hours after school participating in band, chorus and drama performances.

No matter what students spent their time doing, they obviously must have enjoyed it because everyone knew that teenagers didn't do anything they didn't want to do.

• Melissa Kuykendall



**ANNIE NEVILLE LAUNCHES THE SHOT PUT** at one of her practices. Annie was a three sport athlete that didn't have much time after school all year round. People that participated in three sports, like Annie, wouldn't know what to do if they had free time.

**TRACY SKILES AND TOMMI JACKSON** wait for the beat of the music to throw their guns up into the air for their part of the Autumn Glory parade. Marching band took hours and hours of practice all year round because their practices started for the next year before school ended.



Shasta Steffan	11
Holli Stemple	10
Josh Stephens	9
Justin Stephens	10
Amanda Stewart	10
Cara Steyer	9
Carrie Steyer	9

Crissy Steyer	11
Katie Steyer	9
Keith Steyer	9
Amanda Stieringer	11
Matt Stieringer	9
Arley Stimak	10
Ashley Stimak	10



# Relaxing and having fun...

Weekends. The time to relax and get away from the pressures of school. Students waited through the entire week just to have fun with their friends over their two sacred days of peace.

Some people decided to spend their weekends at home, catching up on lost sleep or just to be by themselves. Others took their days away from school to be around friends and just have a good time.

"I usually liked to spend at least part of my weekends at home," Joy Jackson, sophomore, said. "After a week of school and all the time I have to spend with my horses, training them and getting them ready for shows, I'm really tired and I just want to rest."

Whatever individuals chose to do was basically up to them, unless parents imposed a threat. *Groundation*, or refusal to transport *deprived* students who couldn't drive, could ruin a great weekend.

"Since I was only 15 and couldn't drive, my weekend plans were dependant on my

parents or older friends," Anissa Jamison, freshman, said. "I have a feeling that next year will be better suited to weekends because I'll be able to drive, if my parents let me."

A majority of people who weren't restricted by parents or completely exhausted made the most of their precious weekends.

"Douglas (Oxford) took me, (Andrew) Grant and Phil (Nick Glotfelty) camping a couple times," Brian Oxford, sophomore, said. "Always bring warm clothes though because one time it snowed and Grant only had shorts to wear. Even though it was cold, we had fun throwing bottles of liquid and watching them explode."

As odd as it seemed, many students found themselves lured by wrestling, the most popular event being midget wrestling. The man known as "Bad Boy Buck" was the all time favorite.

Bowling also become a weekend spot for some teenagers. Even the disabled could surprise a few people by beating their friends with a broken arm.

"It was so funny when I beat Nick Pratt in bowling," Erin Hoalcraft, sophomore, said. "I had broken my right arm and I happened to be right handed, so I bowled with my left hand and still beat him by a good 20 points. Nick was usually a really good bowler, but that night he was terrible. I almost felt sorry for him. Well, not really."

Even though weekends were spent with friends, arguments could still arise in a heated competition.

"It was only a practice game," Nick said. "I needed to get warmed up before I could beat everyone with 'The Hammer.'" Let it be known that Nick had already bowled a "practice" game before he was beaten by Erin and her broken arm.

Weekends are also used to pursue hobbies and various creative projects.

"On most weekends, we (*Venus Envy*) either played a gig, practiced or jut hung out," Derek Coughlin, sophomore, said. "When I wasn't with the band, I

just liked to goof around with other friends."

Bands weren't the only projects that were worked on over the few free days.

"Ricky Vecchoni, Hagan Pratt and I were in the process of creating a movie," Mikey Virts, junior, said. "The movie was about the greatest pickup artist of all time named *Sunshine Hercules Wallpaper* and his wild adventures. We were going for a very humorous look at life."

No matter how weekends were spent, the satisfaction and memories of just relaxing and having fun with friends helped push people through another long week of school. Looking forward to the next Friday night was sometimes enough to brighten spirits.

"The movie is big haired insanity times ten," Mikey said.

• Jessica Hinebaugh

**"DAG-ON," JOSH TEETS SAID.** "They all wanted me."

Mikey Virts helped direct this dramatic love scene between *Sunshine Hercules Wallpaper*, portrayed by Josh, and two of his many women, played by Devon McClive (in his arms) and Marianne Peracchio.



Chip Stoner	9
Naomi Stoner	11
Billy Stoner	11
Dennis Stottlemeyer	10
Keri Strubin	11
Rusty Strubin	9
Chelsea Stuck	9

Amy Suess	10
Keith Suits	9
Toni Sullivan	11
Frank Sweitzer	10
Jerry Sweitzer	11
Stephanie Sweitzer	11
Tommy Sweitzer	11







**SOME TEENAGERS COULD BE FOUND** swimming despite the colder weather. "I really didn't want to get in the water, but when you're being thrown in, it's hard to prevent getting wet," Nathan Frantz said.

Mike Shahan (without shirt), who had thrown Nathan into the lake fully dressed, spent most of his time trying to find Nathan's glasses at the bottom of the lake. Mike Schwalm found the glasses.



**THE UNDERCLASSMEN MEMBERS OF** *Venus Envy* enjoyed spending time together and with the senior members, Aaron Mountain and Chris Rondeau, on the weekends. "Practicing and getting ready for gigs took a lot of our weekend time away from us, but we didn't care," Tim said. Clockwise from top: Tim Beckman, Alex Hill, Derek Coughlin and Eric Jacoby.



Jordan Swerbinsky	9
Chris Tasker	9
Doug Tasker	11



Jessica Tasker	11
Mark Tasker	9
Tereka Tasker	11



Toby Tasker	9
Todd Tasker	10
Todd Tasker	11
Amanda Taylor	9
Bryce Taylor	9
Laura Taylor	11
Jennifer Teagarden	10



Josh Teets	11
Sarah Teets	9
Brianna Thayer	10
Charlene Thomas	9
Michelle Thomas	9
Sara Thomas	11
Michael Thompson	9



Crystal Thrift	9
Cassy Tichinel	10
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Lacy Timmerman	11
Nicole Timmerman	9



Erica Tinsley	11
Garret Tinsley	9
Krystal Towne	11
Alex Tressler	10
Cortney Tressler	11
Eric Tressler	10
Robert Unger	11



Amber Uphold	10
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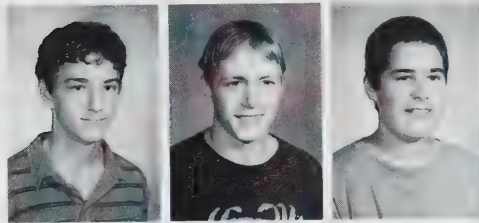
Have you ever been out on a date and either said or did something so embarrassing that you couldn't look that person in the eye afterward?

Have you ever gotten such a bad haircut that you couldn't leave your house?



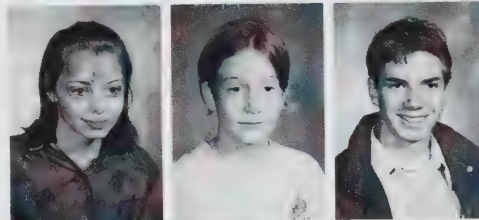
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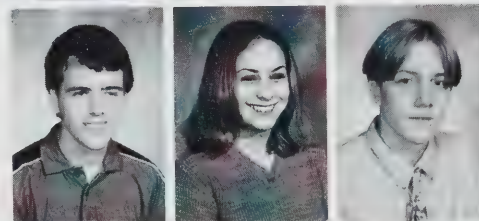
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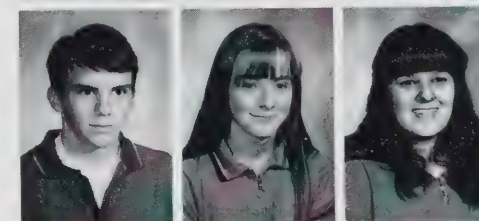
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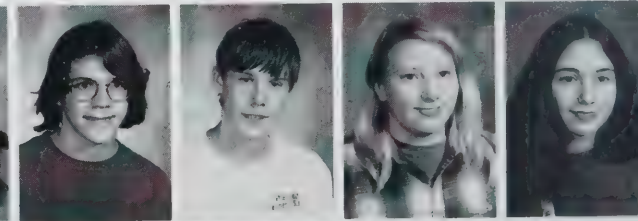
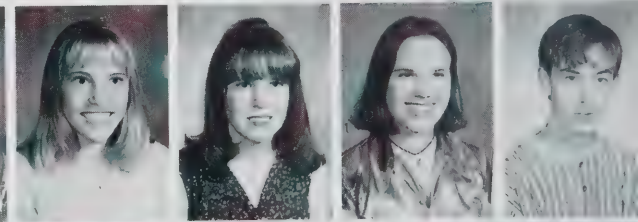
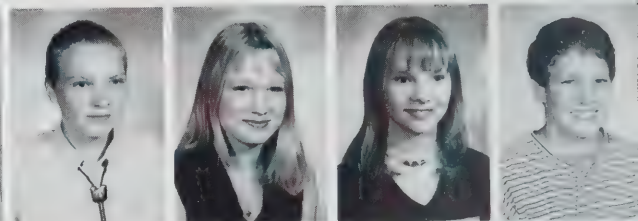
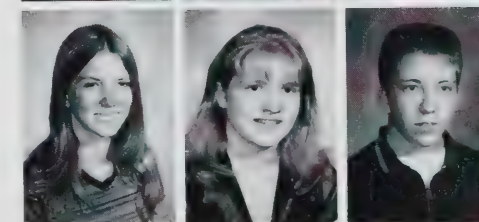
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# I ran into a pole watching guys

"My most embarrassing moment was at a Winterguard competition my freshman year," Cassie Kauffmann, sophomore, said. "I was walking to our warm up room with some other girls and I noticed a pack of hot guys. They saw me looking at them and I looked back as if to say 'I want you!' We were joking around of course, but while they were staring at me and my friends, so friendly like, I ran into a pole because I was watching the guys instead of where I was going. Everyone laughed to me and I ran to the warm up room. I was so embarrassed that I skipped awards because I knew those guys would be there."

Many things happened during one's life that might or might not have left a lasting impression.

"My most embarrassing moment was when I lost my sandal at the top of the stairs and it fell down the stairs," Jay Murphy,

sophomore, said. "I couldn't get it because everyone was going the other way and carelessly stepping on my sandal. Once I got my sandal, I walked through the wrong side of the doorway and people were running over me. I had to turn around and I hit the door and it flew shut. A teacher yelled at me and I didn't know how to fix the door. Everyone was watching and I was embarrassed."

Just about everyone had a similar experience like Jay's. Most people could remember a time when they fell down the stairs or walked into a door.

"My mother had just finished cleaning the windows on our double doors," Amanda Cassidy, sophomore, said. "I was walking to go into the house and I walked right into glass door."

When embarrassing things happened to people, their reaction was "Why me?" People got

embarrassed by other peoples' actions and not just their own.

"I was standing in the middle of a store, when my mom started singing and dancing to the barely audible tune playing on the radio throughout the store," Amanda Stewart, sophomore, said. "I quickly ducked behind a clothing rack."

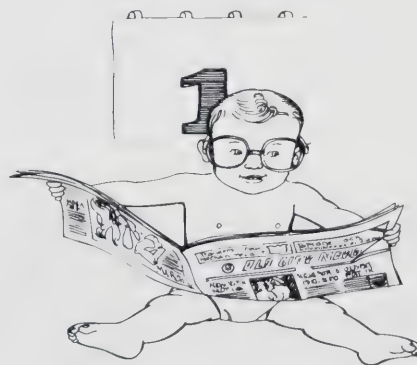
Some people had difficulty getting dressed.

"I went cruising with a friend," Carrie Friend, junior, said. "We stopped to talk to a couples guys. I was wearing a button up shirt. The entire time I talked to them, my shirt was unbuttoned and you could see my chest except I was wearing a bra."

Most people had an embarrassing moment. For some, their embarrassing moment was so embarrassing that they didn't tell a soul about it and probably never will.

• Melissa Kuykendall

Have you ever jumped into a pool and lost part of your bathing suit?



Have you ever jumped into the air and forgot to catch yourself and landed on your butt?

Do your parents have pictures of you when you were a baby looking or acting silly?



Ted Wolf	10
Brian Wolfe	10
Jennifer Wolfe	9
Lori Woods	9
Jennifer Wright	9
Erik Yoder	9
Brian Yommer	9

Carrie Yommer	11
Lisa Yommer	9
Andrew Zimmerman	10
Rachel Zimmerman	9



# Mr. Doug Oxford:

## the perfect child?

Everyone gets into trouble. Have you ever

wondered what the teachers got in to trouble for when they were younger? "I always used to get into trouble for my grades, otherwise I was a perfect child," Mr. Doug Oxford said.

Many of the teachers said they were punished for things that they didn't really do.

"I didn't do it, but we all got into trouble anyway," Mr. Charles Himmler said. "We were on the way to a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, we stole a watermelon and went on to play in the tournament. After the game, we were sitting there eating the watermelon when a police car pulled up and proceeded to put us into the car and took us to the police station. We all had the same 'story' so they left us go. My parents never found out about it."

Several of the teachers' mischief was school related. "The first time I ever skipped school Mr. (James) Zimmerman, who was the assistant principal at the time, caught me and I had to wash windows for three days," Mrs. Pam Eyler said.

There were also teachers who got in to trouble because of other people. "The closest I ever came was in chemistry class and every one else was cheating," Mrs. Joan Lambert said. "It upset me so bad I just turned my test over and refused to take it. I almost got sent to the office, but for some reason he didn't send me." by Marni Sweitzer

**A SHOCKING SIGHT** when Mr. Douglas Oxford was a student was report card day. According to Mr. Oxford, he was the perfect student, the perfect angel until report cards came out. "I either got an 'A' or an 'F'; usually on alternate report cards. As long as it averaged out to a 'C', I was OK! I spent most of my high school years grounded!"

**A FAMILIAR SCENE** from years ago finds Mrs. Pam Eyler washing windows as Mr. Jim Zimmerman tells her she missed a spot of dirt. Mr. Zimmerman was an assistant principal when Mrs. Eyler was a student. She decided to skip school one day but made the mistake of coming back to school to ride the bus home. Mr. Zimmerman saw her in front of the school, realized she was on the absence sheet and suspended her. Her punishment was to wash windows for the next three days. "I got into trouble other times after that, but never by him (Mr. Zimmerman). I was scared of him," she said.



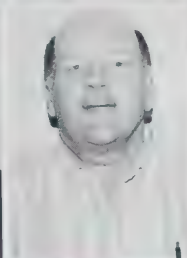




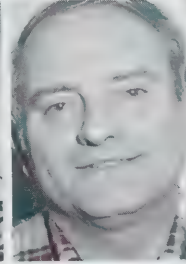
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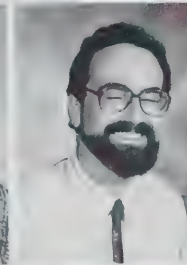
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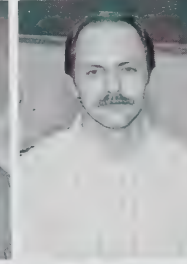
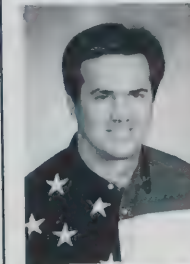
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# A Caring

# mathematics teacher...

**"Mr. Don Lipscomb was a dedicated teacher who cared about his**

students learning mathematics," Mr. David Mayfield said. "It was an honor for me to be a mathematics teaching colleague with him. The teachers and students will miss his teaching and concern."

Mr. Donald Lipscomb, a mathematics teacher of 26 years, died October 10, not long after he was diagnosed with cancer.

"Mr. Lipscomb gave me the knowledge that I needed to succeed in mathematics," Meredith Martin, senior, said. "He was a wonderful teacher as well as a person. I enjoyed having him for three years and I'll never forget him."

Mr. Lipscomb was the former president of the Garrett County Federation of Teachers. He was also a

1982 John Dewey Award winner. He was well qualified for his job and position.

"I had Mr. Lipscomb for three straight years for math and really learned a lot about everything from him," Karlo Gesner, senior, said, "not just math."

Mr. Lipscomb was an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman. He was also the owner and operator of the *Land of Nod* Tree Farm for 20 years. His friends enjoyed these hobbies along with him.

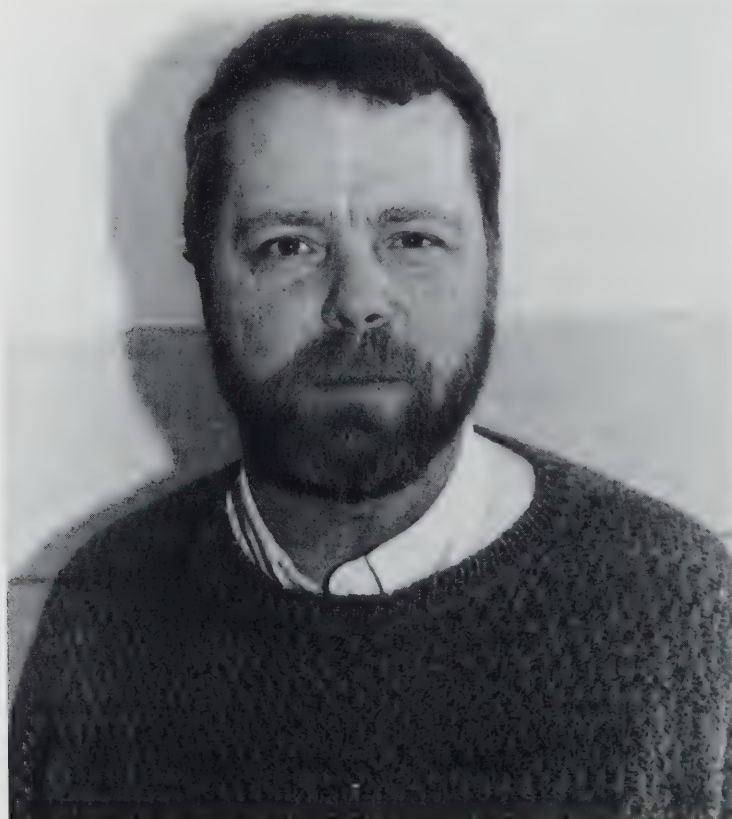
"Mr. Lipscomb was a very good teacher who went quietly about his business of educating thousands of students in his career," Mr. Doug Oxford said. "I have been told by students that he was an excellent math teacher that was easy to understand.

Personally, I also knew him to be one of the best hunters in Garrett County."

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Peter's Catholic Church. The interment was in the Deer Park Cemetery.

"Mr. Lipscomb and I were friends and colleges for over a quarter of a century," Mr. Jim Zimmerman said. "We discussed math and personal business everyday. We were guests in each other's homes and I heard his voice everyday. I miss him and our conversations. I feel very sad that he will not have the opportunity to see his young son grow up and will not experience the love of his family into old age."

by Rachel Farmer







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**Mrs. Theresa Harvey:** School Nurse  
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**Mr. Monty Nock:** Earth Science, Ecology, Chem Com, Activity Period (Ecology Club)  
**Mr. Matt Novak:** Civics, World History, U.S. History, Mock Trial Adviser  
**Mr. Doug Oxford:** Psychology I & II, U.S. History, Civics  
**Mr. Charles Plauger:** Science



## Two or four legs?

# TEACHERS' PETS

Everybody loves pets; sometimes these pets were very well trained

and other times they ran wild. Either way, they always brought trouble wherever they went. Whether good or bad, most of the time it was funny.

"My dog *Joy* should have been named mischief," Mrs. Joan Lambert said. "When I first got her, I gave her an old tennis shoe. What a mistake that was. After I gave her that old shoe, she ate every pair of shoes she could get her mouth on for about two years. Now when she gets a shoe, it's not to chew it, it's to get someone's attention."

Most of the time owners liked to place their pets on a strict diet to keep them healthy. Occasionally this diet got broken.

"There was one time that our dog ate the most particular thing," Mr. Dave Bender said. "Mrs. Bender and I left for an evening. When we returned home, we couldn't find our dog. After looking just about everywhere, I decided to search my son's room. I found the dog under the bed with a empty container of butter. He ate the entire two pounds and was licking the bowl clean."

Sometimes it wasn't what the pet did, it was how it reacted to a situation, especially if something they liked had been misplaced.

"One day my dog *Max* and I were playing frisbee out in the front yard," Mr. Bender said. "I got really mad at her

and threw the frisbee on our neighbor's roof. Once *Max* realized where it was, she spent the next three days over in the neighbor's yard staring at the roof. Even though she knew she couldn't get it, she didn't want to leave it out of her sight."

Pets were always there for you no matter when you needed them. They cheered you up and made you laugh. Sometimes they even left presents for everything you have given them.

"I used to have a blue eyed dog that was very ill-tempered," Mr. Doug Oxford said. "Once we got rid of him, I vowed never to have another dog. Dogs poop, I hate poop." by Brian Brown

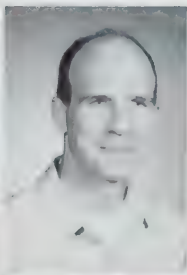


"MAXIE LIKES TO CATCH the frisbee," Ms. Jane Avery said as she demonstrates Maxie's catching ability. The closeness of human and animal could be seen in Maxie's eyes waiting in anticipation of the throw from her master.



"I TRIED TO GET TANNER to stay still long enough so I could get a picture," Mr. David Bender said. "The only way to get her to stay still long enough was to tease her with food."





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**Mr. Tom Woods:** U.S. History, Head Football Coach, Evening School Principal

**Mrs. Elaine Upperman:** VSST Instructional Assistant

**Mr. James Zimmerman:** Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Department Chair, School Improvement Team





The Early Childhood class has Amy Liller (l) working with one of the children while Missy Steyer gains knowledge by reading to Elizabeth.

A calming hand from Dr. Major Jenny Grant leads the crowd through a football game.

The Talent Show finds Theater Arts students Heather Winebrenner, Becky Newman and Annie Neville showing their silliness.

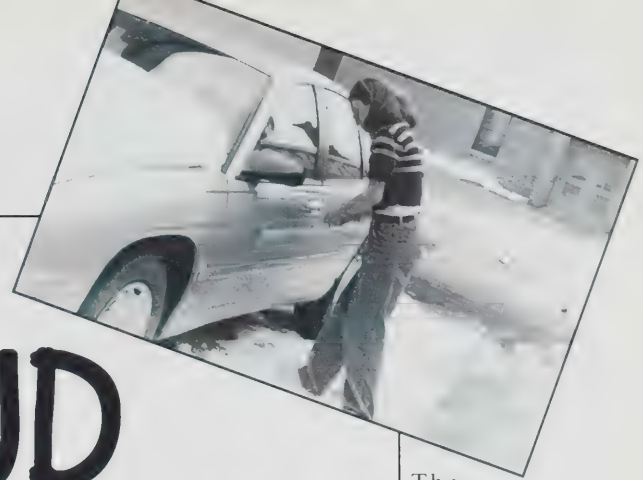
Ironing on a transfer keeps art students busy.

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**PRIDE**



Journalism photographers  
Meghan Mou and Liz Paesani  
talk about their next assignment



# PROUD of doing our best

The happiness of being able to drive a car also brings on responsibilities, such as unlocking the car and sweeping off the snow.

Before sports, clubs or any other extra curricular activities, there was academics. For years teachers have been preparing students to continue their education at college or to enter the work force. Two Advanced Placement (AP) classes were added. Physics and Calculus gave students the option of taking a test in May that, in turn, could earn them college credits. Although no one decided to take the AP Calculus test, five students took the AP English Language/Literature without taking the class. Although many students found school work challenging, Southern students excelled in most everything they did. During the school year, they heard instructions being given to them from everywhere. One of the most aggravating things students heard while going down the halls was "slow down" from one teacher and "hurry up and get to class" from another. While some of the students were hurrying to their required classes, many students were busy with their electives, such as auto mechanics, art, computers, journalism and many others. All the work and instructions given in the seven hour day were enough to drive us insane, but we always came back for more the next day. At the end of it all, Jason Bernard ranked number one in the class of 1998.

## academics

The Early Childhood class has one of the children showing Erin Ball how a parachute works.

In their Physics class, Karlo Gesner turns the galvanometer to generate electricity as Jeremy Whitacre, Brandon Peck and Dan Sincell watch.

In a local Precision Machining contest, Ted Wolf works on the Machine Tool heavy equipment.



# Walking on lines to a living work of art

What started out as kids walking on lines outside of the school had, by the end of the season, turned into a living work of art, a masterpiece.

Band members breathed life into music as their field show portrayed the last days in the life of Jesus as they presented their rendition of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

"*Superstar* was a great show," Carrie Filsinger, senior, said. "Past productions of the story gave us many ideas, but like any artist, we had the opportunity to add Southern spirit, and make it even better."

Senior drum major Jennie Grant lead the band into competition every weekend for months.

Leadership was a strong point. "For every person who was lost and confused, there were two people willing to help," Amanda Palmer, sophomore, said.

New staff provided variety in a once monotonic voice, yet old staff members provided stability and ties to the glory days of the band.

"Chris (Thakery) and Gabe (Stockhausser) were our new instructors and always had a joke to keep our spirits up when practices got long," Jackie Stanley, senior, said. "But, it was Bob (Thomas) who continuously perfected the show."

*Jesus Christ Superstar* was a show of changes, literally. Week after week, music was changed and the drill along with it. These changes late in the summer forced the band to appear in exhibition at the first show by not competing.

The band placed fourth at States and due to heavy competition in Division 13, fifth at Regionals.

In April the band traveled to Orlando, Florida, where they participated in a parade at MGM Studios. For many, this spring trip was a reward for a rigorous marching season and for others it was the last time to "take the field for judged competition."

"Florida was a great ending to four years of band," Jennie Grant, senior, said. "We crammed so many things into four days that it seemed like we were back in marching season."

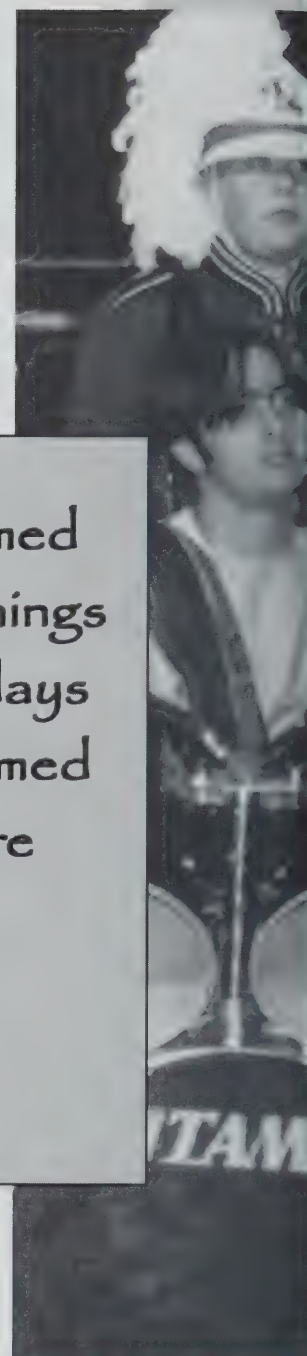
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**WARMING UP FOR THE HOMECOMING PARADE,** the band practices *The Thunderer* a march by John Philip Sousa. Although the band's primary focus was on field show competition, they participated in many parades including Autumn Glory, Buckwheat Festival and Celebration of Music at Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh.

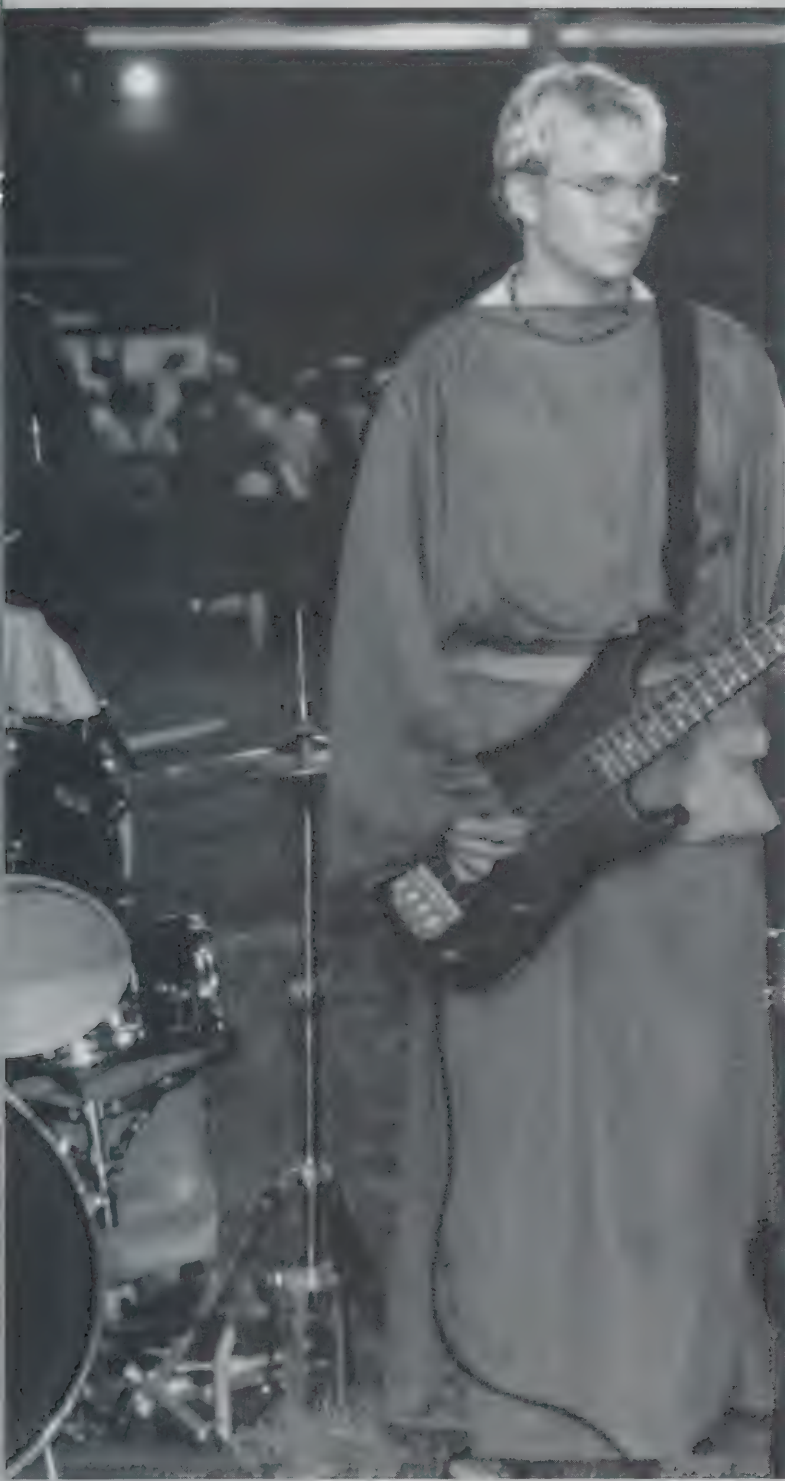


**Front row:** Chelsea Stuck, Jennie Grant, Jamie Durst **Row two:** Molly McGowan, Rachel Sincell, Kristen Shaffer, Shawn Cardiff, Brent Furr, Eric Jacoby, Jason Liller, Josh Peck, Brian Bernard, Aaron Janes, Jesse Liller, Amy Suess, Katie Helbig, Gina Powell, Carrie Clever **Row three:** Mr. Richard Clever, Tim Beckman, Richard Cornelius, Nathan Stahl, Bill Sgaggero, Aaron Mountain **Row four:** Jennifer Friend, Cassie Kauffmann, Carrie Carpenter, Angie Sincell, Bethany Savage, Crystal Tasker, Brandy VonHagel, Hilarie Wampler, Hannah Paugh,

Stephanie Miller, Lauren Nelson, Jenny Script, Audrey Shipe, Tammy Smith **Row five:** Jason Upole, Vickie Lloyd, Lauren Rudy, Chris Rondeau, Carrie Filsinger, Jackie Stanley, Amy Snyder, Jennifer Sanders, Amanda Palmer, Brandon Peck, Daniel Shafer, Mike Rohrbaugh, Alex Hill, Charlie Nolan, Derek Coughlin, Kyle Snyder, Adam Murray **Back row:** Regina Mick, David Murray, Becca Gangler, Jessica Moon, Anna Snyder, Stacy Script, Megan Garland, Tracy Skiles, Tiffany Holtschneider, Chris Cornelius, Robert Kortas







**PROVIDING A LITTLE SOUL,** Tim Beckman and Aaron Mountain jazz out to the music. At various times the two played trap set, bass guitar and guitar.



**WHILE KEEPING HIS EYES** on the drum major, Alex Hill marches to his next drill spot. Drill had to be memorized so precisely that all movements and pass throughs could be done with eyes closed.



**PORTRAY-  
ING ROMAN  
SOLDIERS,** Aaron James and Josh Peck play their snare drums. Josh was drum captain and in essence was the leader of the entire drumline.



**RAISING THEIR INSTRUMENTS** to begin the second song, Brandy VonHagel, Crystal Tasker, Cassie Kauffmann and Carrie Carpenter watch the drum major. No verbal commands were given after the start of the show: members had to watch or listen for their cues.

**FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER,** the pit was located on the field rather than on the sidelines on the bleachers. The risers, although difficult to transport and assemble, added a lot of depth to the visual part of the program.

**SUPPORTING THEIR PEERS,** Chris Rondeau, Jamie Durst, Kyle Snyder and the rest of the band cheer on the football players at a home game. While the game was in action, the band helped the cheerleaders out by keeping the fans motivated and the players' spirits up.



# 'Repair shop' helps with future

**E**lectronics is a multilevel course that teaches students all of the basic aspects of electricity and circuit," Mike Rohrbaugh, senior, explained.

In Electronics 1 students learned what made electrical circuits work and how to hook up a basic circuit. "The first two years we did book work and labs to learn the basics," Chad Warnick, senior, said. "When you become a senior you work on repairing things for people or yourself like, radios, TV's, etc."

Electronics 1 students worked in books and did labs. "All we do in this class is sit and do labs, such as transformers and inductance," Nick Oliverio, sophomore, said. "I took this class because I need it for my career pathway, and I have already used what I've learned at home to fix electronic toys like CD players, electronic and radio control cars."

Electronics 2 students learned about many different and more difficult aspects of electrical circuits. "The work we do is hard, but that is why we enjoy doing it," John Johnson, sophomore, explained. "It's hard because you kind of have to learn another language because of all the abbreviations and symbols. Electronics is very technical."

Electronics 2 students also learned about digital electronics and the binary and hexadecimal number systems. "I like this class because you can work with electrical things like AF generators, transformers and AC-DC capacitors," Tony Fike, sophomore, explained.

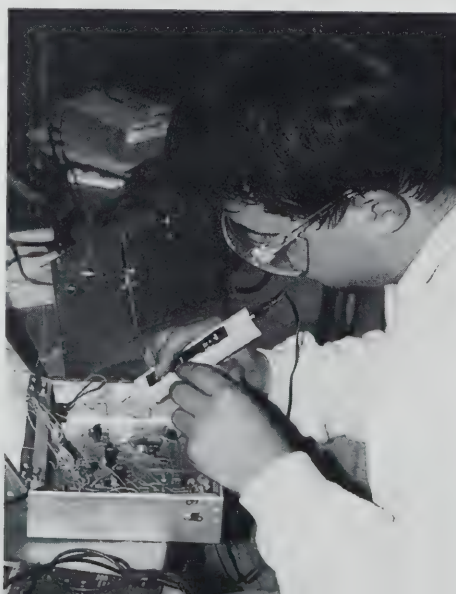
Electronics 3 students learned about microprocessors, what makes them work, how to write programs, and what is inside of a microprocessor, and then are evaluated on everything they had learned in all three levels of the course. "Electronics prepares aspiring computer technicians and future engineers through tedious labs and countless lectures," Dan Sincell, senior, explained. "I enjoyed my three years of transistors and SCR's."

• by Chrissy Steyer

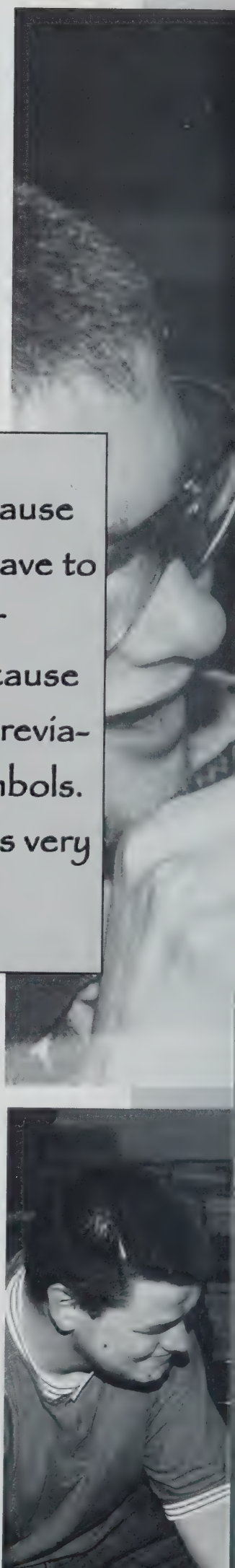
**WORKING ON HIS SENIOR PROJECT,** Kenny Myers is perfecting a security system. "Electronics has given me the education I need for my future plans as an engineer," he said.

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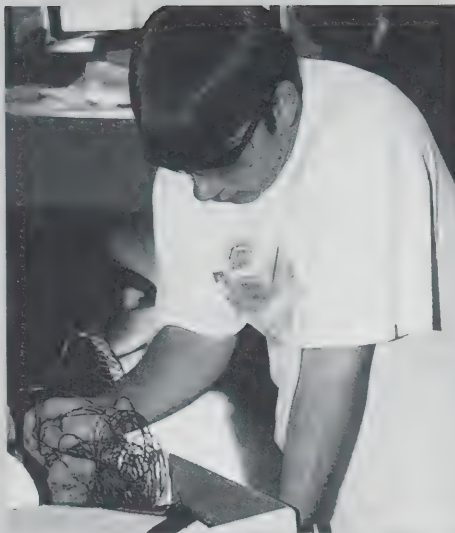
**"SENIOR PROJECTS WERE REAL FUN,"** Josh Helbig said as he is adjusting a circuit, "especially when you work on someone else's and you can destroy it."



**"ELECTRONICS HAS PROVIDED** the skills to take over the world," Jesse Black (r) said as he and Dave Alexander work together. "Through my years in Electronics, I have consumed enough electricity in order to withstand the chair when I get to the electric chair," Dave said.

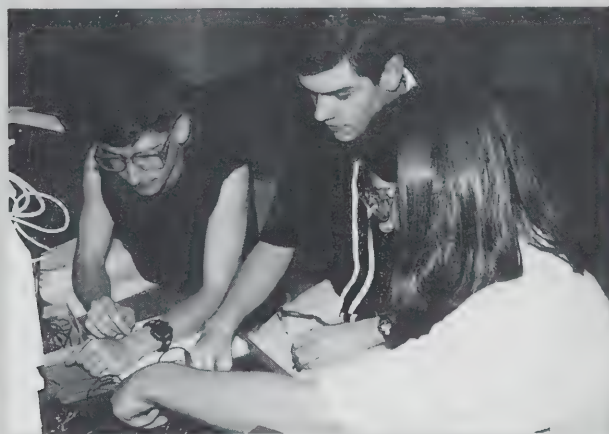




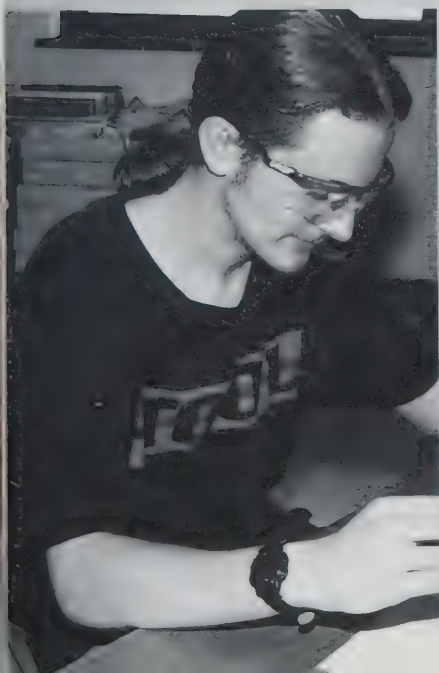
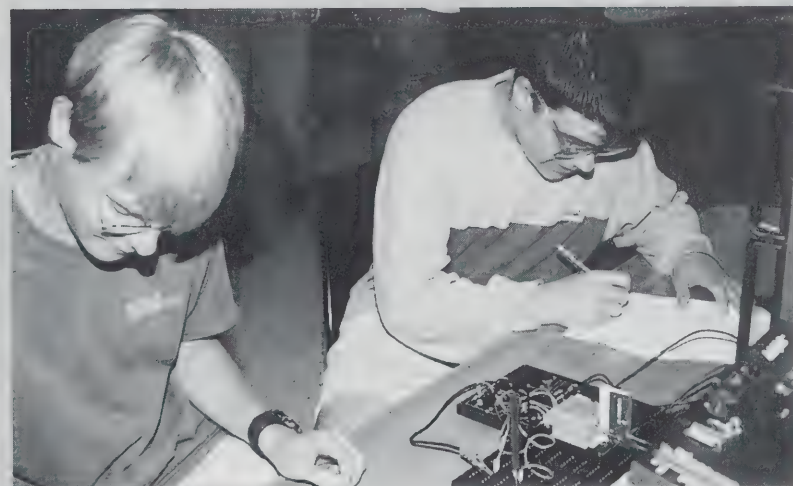


"SENIOR PROJECTS BROUGHT OUT the best and worst aspects of everyone," Mike Rohrbaugh said as he works on his.

WORKING TOGETHER on a lab are Danny Friend, Tony Fike and Nathan Stahl. "We identified the primary and secondary windings of a transformer," Tony explained.



ADAM DURST AND NICK OLIVERIO are hurrying to finish their transformer lab. "We are finishing our lab so Mr. (Steve) Cosner won't yell at us," Nick said.



"I'VE LEARNED A LOT IN MY TWO YEARS of Electronics, and it was fun because we got to use a lot of different instruments and components," Kenzie Alexander said.

Far left: PHILLIP REAMS HELPS John Peterson on his transformer lab. "We were getting wires out of the lab volt box to hook up the series-parallel circuit," Phillip explained.



# Muddy at first, then crystal clear

Physics starts out like muddy water," Jeremy Whitacre, senior said. "With time the water clears and by the end of the year, the water is crystal clear."

There was a group of students who choose to study physics. These students were committed to their learning as physics took hours of hard work.

Hard work paid off in the long run for these students. They learned not only physics, but discipline as a student as well.

"Physics takes some getting used to," Jackie Stanley, senior, said. "Just when you exasperate your efforts by not having a clue of what's going on, it hits you and you understand."

The class offered learning, discipline and an understanding of why things work.

"Physics provides a unique opportunity to explore the physical realm of our environment," Dan Sincell, senior, said. "It explains why things fall, and why we cannot walk upside down without severe bodily damage."

Some students choose to take an AP (college level) physics course that took two semesters to complete.

"AP physics is a very enlightening class," Steve Allison, senior, said. "As pioneers traveling into a new frontier, we know not what to expect. Those who accepted the challenge were vastly rewarded with the gifts of knowledge and understanding of our world."

Other students also enjoyed the experience as an AP student.

"Physics is pretty cool if you are into figuring out the nature of our universe," Karlo Gesner, senior, said. "When you take this course, you find out how little you really know in relation to life's quantities of info available to the human brain."

A final word on the low-down of physics came from Jason Bernard. "Physics requires an open-mind and imagination. If you don't have both of these, you might as well grab a seat on the bench because you are not getting in the game."

Physics was really a tough class, but with determination and perseverance, one could excel upon the laws of the physics.

• by Steve Pariseau

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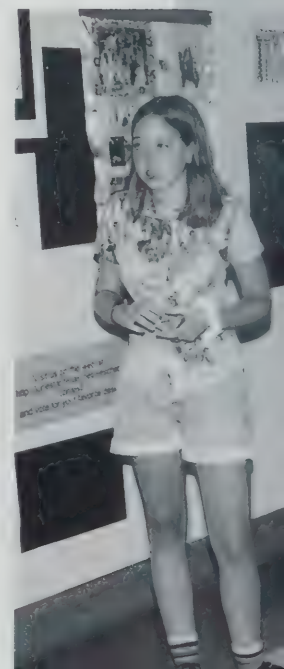


**MEASURING THE HEIGHT** of the table, Jeremy Whitacre and Jason Bernard calculate where the marble will drop. The marble was supposed to drop off the table and land on a quarter.

**ADJUSTING THE ANGLE** of reflection of the laser beam. Dan Sincell reflects the light onto a piece of paper. The angles had to be perfect for the laser to reach the cafeteria.



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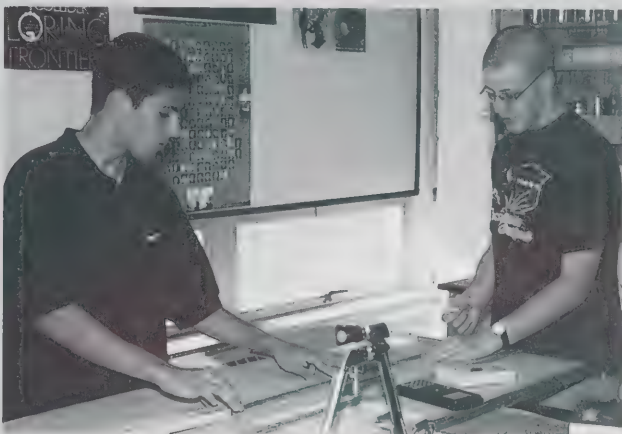




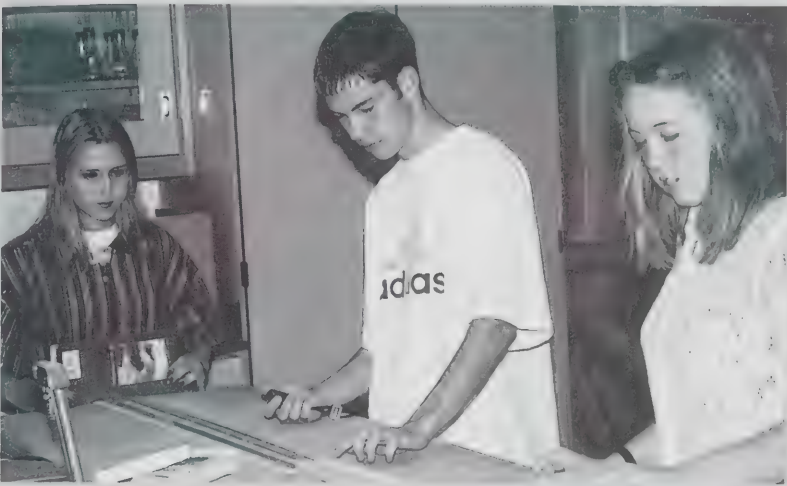


**SPINNING THE GALVANOMETER,** Brandon Peck shocks his tongue. A galvanometer created static electricity as it spun.

**BUILDING A BARRIER FOR THE** marble, Billoo Bhatnagar and Brandon Peck tape meter sticks down to the table. The barrier kept the marble going straight and from deviating from its course.



**DURING A PROJECTILE** motion lab, Carrie Filsinger, Steve Allison and Jackie Stanley do test runs of the experiment. Once calculated, the marble did drop and hit the quarter.



**ADJUSTING THE HEIGHT** of the beam, Dan Sincell puts magazines under the mirror. Magazines had to be used to bring the laser down because it tended to rise as distance increased.

**Farleft: DETERMINING WHERE** THE REFLECTED BEAM IS, Jackie Stanley, Steve Allison and Carrie Filsinger walk backwards down the hallway. The paper was used to see the beam.



# 'Strangers of the land' quiet at first



It happened in February. Weary faces not known to anyone began walking through the halls speaking in a tongue only familiar to some. To others the "visitors" seemed very quiet at first, and slowly began to mix with fellow students. These "strangers" were the French exchange students.

Sixteen students and two adults came to America in February for a stay of three weeks. The students were encouraged to attend the classes that their family host members had, but most just wanted to explore the school. Some would walk through all of the different classes, sit for a while, and then head to another one.

"My French exchange student was very quiet, but we still had a ton of fun," Katie Moomau, freshman, said. "We have written to each other often. It was a great experience for both of us. I hope to go to France and stay with her, too."

Although many of the students did enjoy some of the classes, they chose to stay in their favorites. For students who hadn't taken the French language, the conversations were hard to understand.

"I would be sitting there, listening to Manon talk and she and her friend would begin laughing at me," Thomas Nichols, senior, said. "I had no idea what they were saying at first, but after a while I could understand a little. They were just teasing me."

Even though the students couldn't all communicate, they got along well. Most people enjoyed the company of the French and the teachers also found it interesting to have foreign students in their classes. Some of the French students participated in the classes and it was at times humorous to listen to their accents.

"The French exchange student that we hosted was sick during his stay in America," Caine Chorpenning, sophomore, said. "He went to school only a week and a half to two weeks. Some friends who met my French student will remember him, and I know my family will."

"I got really lucky because Gwen and I had tons in common," Karlo Gesner, senior, said. "We listened to the same music, both skied, and we both played guitar. We got along almost instantly."

The students also had a chance to get out of Garrett County and experience some of the popular sites in America, like Washington, DC. Along with these trips, the students had the chance to go skiing and swimming during their stay.

"I feel that the 1998 French hosting experience was quite successful," Mr. Lowell Leitzel, French instructor, said. "The evidence of that was the fact that many tears were shed on the day that the French students departed. They all shared with me their gratitude and appreciation for the hospitality that we offered to them."

• by Mark Ludwig

**MR. LOWELL LEITZEL** TALKS to one of the French students during a gathering at Alpine. This was one of the welcoming parties that the hosts had for the students while they were here.

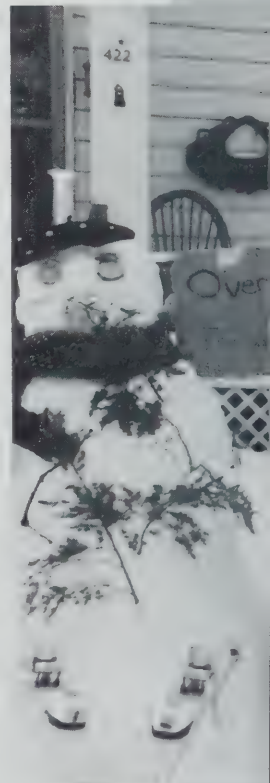


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**WHILE SWIMMING**, the students enjoyed some refreshments and pizza at Alpine as part of one of their parties. Anne Le Stunff and Boo Johnson take time out of the water to catch a bite to eat.

**KATE MOOMAU** KNEELS with her student Fanny Alezan outside of her house after making snow men. Many of the students got to experience a taste of true Garrett County weather as mother nature showed a fierce hand and dropped a good amount of snow on the county.







AS THE BUS IS BEING PACKED up, the students got to give one last hug to their French "amis" and share one last thought before they left. Many of the students were ready to get home, but some did not want to leave their host families and friends.

**"HAVING CELINE (TANGUY) STAY** with us was a great experience that everyone should try to take part in someday," Michelle Teter, said. "We learned a lot from each other. She became part of our family and it was hard to see her go. We all cried and hugged as the bus was being loaded."



**CLOWNING AROUND IN THE POOL** are Gwenaél Conan, Bastien Jove, Boo Jonson and Julien Le Dref.

**IT WAS A SAD DAY** when the French students left for home. Although smiles were being seen, the tears were present as hosts said good-bye to their new friends. Erin McClive gets a chance to say good-bye to Sandrine Mitouard as the students prepare to leave.



# Busy day on Mt. Lake Park street

**E**veryday was a busy day on 205 E Street in Mountain Lake Park. Mr. Loren Bowser and his carpentry class was building a house as the main activity of the class. Mr. Bowser's outdoor class differed greatly from what other teachers had to offer.

"It's a fun class because you get out of the school," Todd Tasker, sophomore, said. "You don't have to do a lot of book work."

Although book work made for 50 percent of the student's grade, the work at the construction site consumed by far the bigger part of the time.

Also the learning goals the students set for themselves were different. "Learning to work with others and leadership development are the most important lessons here," Jeremy Whitacre, senior, said.

"We had close to 50 students working on these homes," Mr. Bowser said. "We don't train specialists. Each student does whatever is needed on a particular day."

The completed house will be sold by Community Action, which provided funding for the project. The price will be about \$80,000.

Mr. Bowser normally has enough students to get a house done every 18 months. "We were varnishing the handrails with polyurethane yesterday and performing basic clean up today," Jennifer Reckart, senior, said.

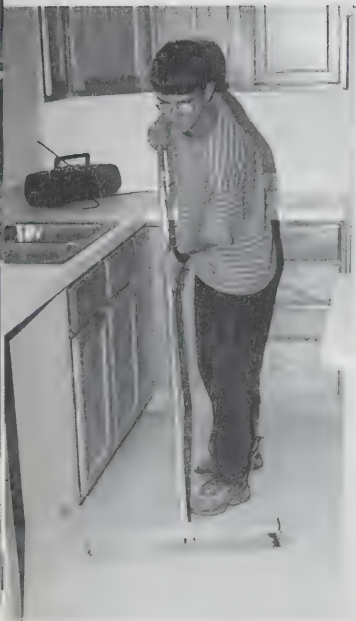
One of the most important attractions of the carpentry class was the variety of the work, since the students were responsible for every aspect of the construction.

Right next to this year's house was last year's carpentry class built house, and several other property slots were already designated for future carpentry projects.

• by Alex Roth

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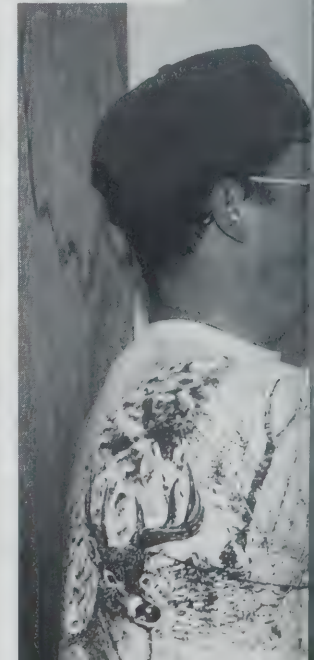
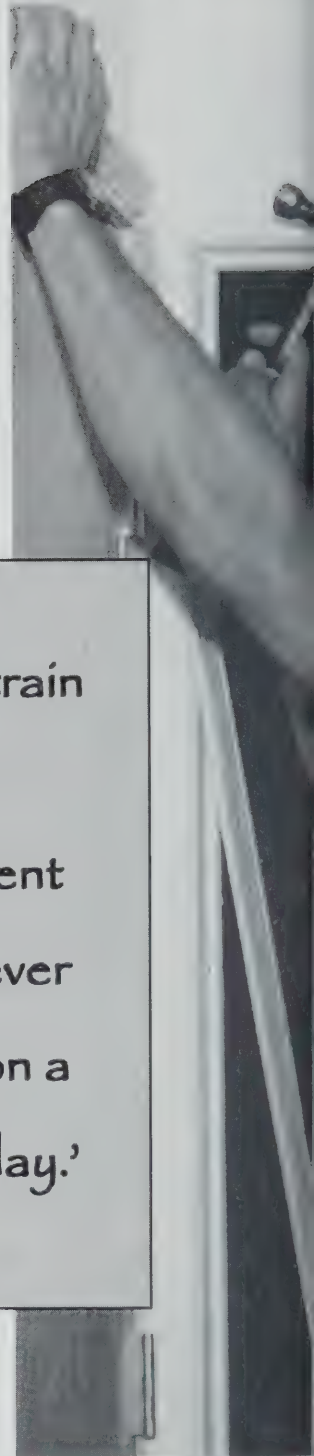
**IN THE FINAL STAGE** of the installation of the kitchen, James Lloyd is sweeping the kitchen floor. Cleaning was always the closing action in a construction.

**CARPENTRY TEACHER** Mr. Loren Bowser takes an active part in the work. Although also concerned with coordination, Mr. Bowser assumes the roll of an equal on the construction site.



**CUTTING A DOOR TRIM,** (top right)

Sam Sisler is then preparing to nail the trims to the door frame with the help of Harland Sharpless. This was a good example of the team-work, which was essential in this class.







**THE ALMOST COMPLETED HOUSE** is in the final stages before new residents may move in. The house sits beside last year's house project.



**BEFORE THE DOOR TRIMS** can be installed, Harland Sharpless is trimming the shims. This kind of small detail work required more time than the actual building of the walls.



**CAREFUL JUDGEMENT** is needed for David Schoch when picking out material for window frames.



**Far left: GEORGE BECKMAN INSTALLS** a shelf in a closet. The construction project included the installation of basic equipment in all of the rooms.



# Fun, relaxing till deadlines come

Journalism is a really fun and relaxing class," Erica Wilt, sophomore, said, "except when you are trying to beat all the deadlines."

When a deadline was approaching, the journalism class would erupt into hectic chaos. More than nine different deadlines had to be met by the class – seven for *The Acorn*, the school's newspaper, and several more for the yearbook, the *Highlander*.

The newspaper staff printed six monthly issues, and was able to hand them out free to the students and staff as a result of the class selling over 300 ads to companies throughout the county.

There was one journalism class in the fall that did the school newspaper, start on the yearbook and also edit, assemble and bulk mail the monthly school newsletter, *The Ram Gazette*, to all parents. The spring semester saw two journalism classes doing the finishing work for the year.

"The newsletter required the assembly line technique as we assembled around 1,000 newsletters to be bulk mailed home to all students," Mr. Doug Buckley, adviser, said. "Students grumbled through the entire process, the room smelled with all the ink and paper, but we got it all done each time in a little over one period."

A *Senior Edition of the Acorn* was also handed out for \$7 at the end of the school year.

"We have a lot of free time in class to work on our articles, but writing them takes a lot of time and hard work," Arley Stimak, sophomore, said.

Although it was difficult to meet the deadlines and create *The Acorn*, it was a success among the students. "I like to read the newspaper because it informs me of all of the cool things that go on in the school," Jessica Farmer, sophomore, said.

While the journalism class was writing articles for *The Acorn*, they were also creating the *Highlander*.

"Journalism is a lot of fun, but at times it is also very frustrating," Elizabeth Paesani, senior, said. "Many people never have their articles done on time, which piles a lot of work on Carrie and me at the end of the semester."

Carrie Filsinger and Elizabeth were the editors of the yearbook.

"I enjoy writing articles for the yearbook," Paul Liller, sophomore, said, "because I think it will be interesting to look back upon later in life."

• by Sarah Winter

**WHERE ELSE BUT JOURNALISM** does a student need the *sugar high* a can of Pepsi offers. Erin Wampler takes the break as Melissa Kuykendall works in the background.

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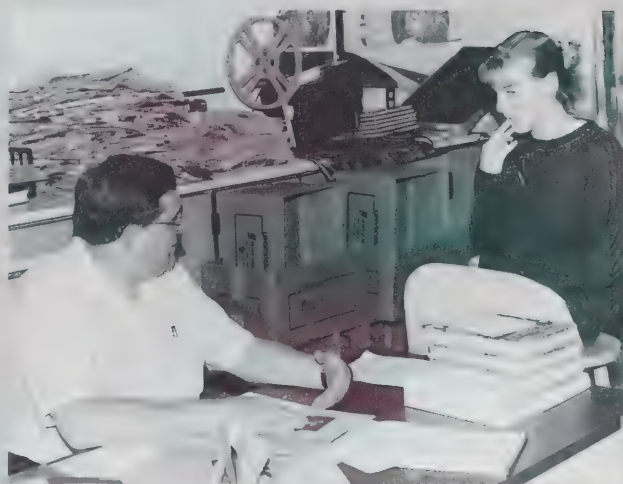
**WITH HER COLUMN MARKS** clearly visible, Kim Lewis prepares her yearbook layout sheet. She next will decide on the proper placement of pictures, copy, captions and perhaps scores. All students learned these basics although only selected students did the final layouts on the Mac computers.

**EVEN THOUGH THE FINAL** yearbook layouts were done on the computer, students had to learn the basics of proper picture, copy and caption position using the traditional paper layout sheets. Stephanie Foreman looks at the maze of various colors of construction paper and glue as she tries to come up with an acceptable design.





**A** COMMON QUESTION for students was what to do their next *Acorn* article on. Sara Thomas appears to be in deep thought as Adviser Doug Buckley gives his thoughts on the matter.



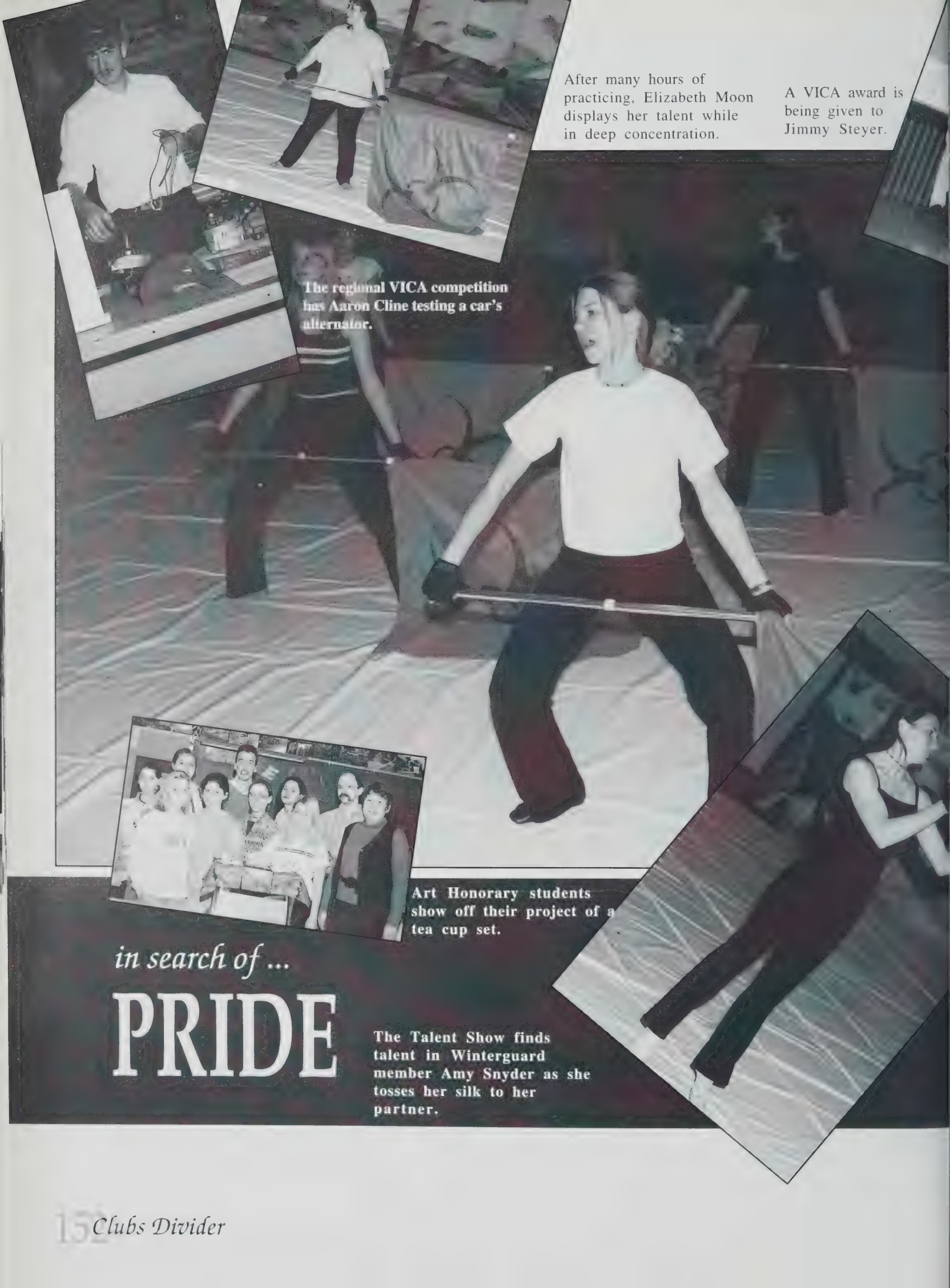
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**Front row:** Amanda Cassidy, Jackie McKenzie, Jessica Hinebaugh, Carrie Friend, Dana Armstrong, Jody Bowser, Angie Sincell, Jennifer Teagarden **Back row:** Erica Wilt, Tim Burns, Sarah Winter, Jessica

Farmer, Mark Ludwig, Janet McCrobie, Michelle Goralski, Devon McClive, Steve Pariseau, Michelle Teter, Scott Sanders, Jennifer Reckart, Melissa Kuykendall, Chrissy Steyer





After many hours of practicing, Elizabeth Moon displays her talent while in deep concentration.

A VICA award is being given to Jimmy Steyer.

The regional VICA competition has Aaron Cline testing a car's alternator.

Art Honorary students show off their project of a tea cup set.

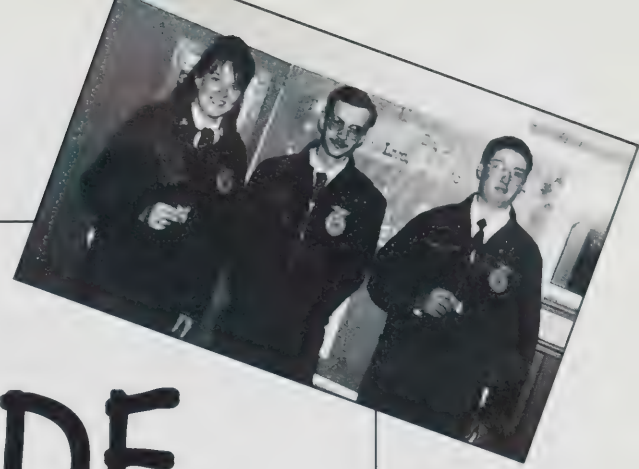
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# PRIDE

The Talent Show finds talent in Winterguard member Amy Snyder as she tosses her silk to her partner.



A Mock Trial competition has Jimmy Steyer preparing his part.



Heidi Hauser, Randy Sharpless and George Beckman are at an FFA competition.

# PRIDE

## in what we do

The diversity of the clubs mirrored the diversity of the students. The little quarks that separated us from others united us in clubs and it was here that we could take pride in what we did best and loved to do. Clubs offered students a chance to learn more about themselves and allowed them to explore new opportunities. Students gave up much of their free time to participate in clubs. Due to a academics first policy, most clubs meet after school or during the activity periods. Being involved in clubs allowed students to meet new people.

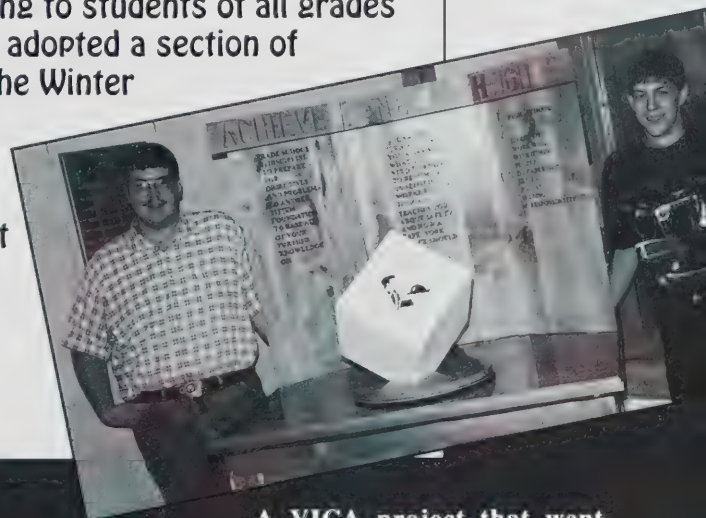
Paying dues, being inducted and attending meetings were the basics of being a club member. It was, however, the not-so-basic activities that proved to be interesting. In the spring, many students gave blood when the Student Council, in conjunction with the Red Cross, hosted a blood drive at the school. The National Honor Society provided tutoring to students of all grades in a variety of subjects and adopted a section of Route 135 to keep clean. The Winter Percussion and Winterguard traveled to various sites to perform, while Mock Trial saw all their action in a court of law.

## clubs

A talented art student Allison Hamilton meets with Governor Parris and Mrs. Frances Glendening at the State House for the Celebration of the Arts reception.



A VICA project that went to Nationals has a proud Jeremy Whitacre and Dustyn Knapp showing off their hard work.



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# Team work, friends involved in learning *the thrill of the competition*



The Regional VICA contest was held at Southern and it finds Mike Avona in the electronics division. "I was building a wave generator at regionals for VICA," Mike said. "I didn't place for states, but I had fun. I plan to attend DeVry in Columbus, Ohio, in July. I think electronics is one of the best occupations to get in to."

VICA was a fun learning experience," Stephanie White, Faryn Shaffer, and Ashley and Arley Stimak, all sophomores, said. "It brought us closer together as friends and there was a lot of team work involved. Even though we only managed to come in second place, we know what we are up against. We will work harder, so hopefully we will succeed and get first place next year."

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) participated in many activities, such as the industrial tour of Westvaco paper mill, VICA Christmas party, Regional Skills USA Championships at Southern and the National Skills USA Championships.

"If you're going for a vocational career, VICA is a great step toward helping with your career," Dustyn Knapp, sophomore, said. "My favorite part of the club was the thrill of the competition."

The Chapter Display (pictured right) was build and designed by many VICA members. The design came from brainstorming many different ideas and then determining which were good or bad, which could or could not be built in the shop, and which could incorporate the annual motto, *Achieve New Heights*.

The Display was built by many students and was supervised by Mr. Loren Bower, carpentry teacher.

VICA also had a float in the Autumn Glory Parade. Although VICA was a group, not everybody got to participate in competitions.

"I had fun practicing, although I didn't get to participate in the competitions," David Simmons, sophomore, said. "I hope to be in the competitions next year. Overall it was very hard work, but well worth it."

VICA students did very well in the Southern VICA State Championships. Harland Sharpless won first place in cabinet making, Sam Sisler won first place in Home Improvement and Jeremy Whitacre placed first on the Display.

"VICA was fun when we went to states because we got to meet all kinds of people," George Tichnell, senior, said.

The Nationals took place June 22-27, in Kansas City, MD. Jeremy Whitacre, Dustyn Knapp and George Tichnell entered with their Display. Sam Sisler entered for Carpentry, Harland Sharpless for cabinet making and Mike Rohrbaugh for safety.

"Participating in VICA quiz bowl proved to be an enlightening and challenging experience," Daniel Sinclair, senior, said.

• by Michelle Goralski





## Testing an

alternator, Aaron Cline is in the Regional VICA Automotive Contest. "I got to talk to shop owners about what they look for in an employee," Aaron said.

Second place VICA state competitors: **Front row:** Mike Rohrbaugh, Arley Stimak, Stephanie White, Ashley Stimak. **Back row:** Steven Lilly, George Tichnell, Steve Alison, Nick Oliverio, Dan Sincell.



## "The Display

was a great success in my opinion and I am extremely proud of the finished product," Jeremy Whitacre said as he and Dustyn Knapp are putting finishing touches on their Display project. The project went on to Kansas City for the National VICA convention in July.

**Front row:** Cheri Stemple, Jackie Tasker, Audrey Shipe, Arley Stimak, Ashley Stimak, Dan Sincell, George Tichnell. **Row two:** James Lloyd, Mike Rohrbaugh, Nick Oliverio, Jason James, Aaron Baker, Harland Sharpless, Arthur Pysell, Jeannine Meyers, David Schoch. **Back row:** James Steyer, Jeremy Whitacre, Scott Savage, Sam Sisler, Dustyn Knapp, Aaron Cline.



# A 'blast' of fun doing Winter Percussion

## *'Les Miserables' performed*



Waiting for the signal to play, Jennifer Friend and Rachel Sincell are ready and waiting. This was

Jennifer's first year in the pit playing as a senior and Rachel participated in the pit during the marching band season.



### High skills

and enthusiasm finds Evie White, Kristen Shaffer and Amy Suess, pit captain, performing. They had to listen carefully and concentrate to keep the rhythm going amongst the drumline and the rest of the pit.

I had a blast doing Winter Percussion!" Amy Suess, sophomore, said. "I liked the show we did and I especially liked having fun with my friends in Percussion."

"Les Miserables" was the title of the show performed by the combined Southern and Northern Winter Percussion. Their show was based on the opera "Les Miserables" which was a story about a young girl and her family while the French Revolution was going on.

Amy Suess was the Pit Captain and Josh Peck was the Drum Captain. The whole group was under the instruction of Mr. Dave Campbell and Mr. Richard Clever. The group was only under direction during practices. During the actual show, the whole group got the rhythm by listening to each other play, with no drum major.

"I had a lot of fun traveling and performing with Winter Percussion," Carrie Carpenter, sophomore, said. "The show was great and every trip was a new experience."

The season started in late December, before Christmas, and ended in early May. Practices were every Wednesday night and the competitions were held on Saturdays, mostly in Pennsylvania.

"Winter Percussion didn't score as well as we thought we would," Chris Rondeau, senior, said, "but we had a lot of fun doing it!"

Even though they may not have scored very high, they still turned up an undefeated season. When the band took their spring trip to Florida, the Winter Percussion performed and won their category.

Besides Winter Percussion being fun, there came much discipline. But, it all paid off for this group. They learned something new from each other every trip.

"Although I was only a manager and only got to watch the shows," Bill Sgaggero, freshman, said, "I thought the show was dramatic and well performed by everyone. I could tell that they put a lot of effort into it."

The Winter Percussion proved that hard work and determination paid off in the end. They had a great season and it became a fun and memorable experience for everyone who participated.

• by Angie Sincell





### **Tapping away**

at their snares are Josh Peck, drum captain, Kenny Bazemore, Brent Furr and Bryan Barnard. The group was only under direction during practices. During the actual show, the whole group got the rhythm by listening to each other play, with no drum major.

### **Listening to**

what the instructors have to say, Audrey Shipe and Brandy VonHagel try to understand the information given. "Even though I joined the season late and took part in only a few performances," Audrey said, "Winter Percussion let me have the experience of a much different time period and society while having fun."



# The legal system: real court and judge *scoring each lawyer, witness*



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score of four  
out of five.

## Preparing for

a meet, Jessica Oats, Evie White and Bonnie Riley warm up their voices. Often these three sang harmoniously on the bus to Cumberland and often impressed the driver and sometimes even the coach Mr. Matt Novak.

**M**ock Trial was an educational experience that really was a great introduction to the legal system," Amber Crites, junior, said. "Mr. (Matt) Novak (coach) really helped us learn how to debate and argue in a professional manner."

The Mock Trial team was a club that immersed participants in the legal system by enacting a trial in a real court room with a real judge scoring each lawyer and witness.

In late August the case booklet arrived and involved a 15 year old rock star who was caught smoking in a hotel room. The teams were expected to produce an opening statement to summarize the case in the beginning of the trial. Then the lawyers asked the witnesses questions about their knowledge of the case.

"Debates in live courtrooms were the ultimate rush," Jessica Oats, freshman, said. "The adrenaline rush was great. You were nervous because of the opposing lawyer's questions, and happy when you answered the questions aggressively."

At the end of the trial, the judge gave his decision about which side (prosecution or defense) won the case. He or she then pointed out the good and bad points of the trial. Then the judge gave the decision as to which team won the competition.

During the trial, the participants were on their own. There was no contact from the coach once the trial began. The other team members who were not lawyers were also unable to talk to the lawyers.

"At one point, an opposing lawyer began to get too aggressive," Paul Liller, sophomore, said. "I remember the look on his face as I gently grinned at his words. Later, we informed their coach of these actions."

The team had only four returning players, and only one continued the entire season. The team was highly inexperienced. Some people came in late in the year, and most had to get over the fright of the judge. "Mock Trial was very educational, and fun at the same time," Joyce Solomon, freshman, said.

• by Paul Liller





## A strategy

for the upcoming meet against Northern's team finds James Steyer and Brian Aronhalt preparing their ideas. Amber Crites gives her advice as Ferenc Harastia studies for his role as Chief of Police Taylor Maine.

**Front row:** Joyce Solomon, Jenni Millican, Bonnie Riley, Jessica Oats **Row two:** Guy Joseph, Paul Liller **Back row:** Ass't. Coach Chris Csonka, Evie White, James Steyer, Brian Aronhalt, Amber Crites, Ferenc Harastia, Coach Matt Novak

## Discussing the

performance of the team, Ass't. Coach Christopher Csonka (r) talks with Judge Jim Sherbin (l) and a coach from the other team. Mr. Csonka filled in while Coach Matt Novak was away. Coach Csonka led the team through several meets.

## Her upcoming

opening statement is being pondered upon by Evelyn White in the Cumberland courthouse. She joined late in the year but what she lacked in experience, she made up for in skill.



# A year of accomplishments *and fond memories*



The Oakland FFA chapter held several events to educate local kids on the opportunities agriculture offers. One successful endeavor is the FFA petting zoo held during the Autumn Glory festival.

# F

FA is a great organization that develops leadership and working skills," Jody Friend, senior, said. "I can use the mechanical skills I've learned for the rest of my life."

FFA members completed another successful year full of accomplishments and fond memories.

Many of the members also competed in career development events at College Park, including dairy foods, vegetable judging, ag. mechanics and crops. These activities were designed to promote teamwork and practical knowledge.

Competitions were also attended at the FFA State Convention in Gaithersburg. Competitions there included events like public speaking, FFA knowledge, horticulture bowl and ag production.

"All the contests I have been involved in have helped me learn skills and trades I can use later in life," George Beckman, senior, said.

George's proficiency in poultry allowed him to become a successful entrepreneur by developing his own hatchery business. He was awarded the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development's highest award for Student Entrepreneurs from Governor Parris Glendening for his talent and efficiency in the field.

One of the main goals of the FFA was to make a positive difference in the lives of students.

"FFA is an experience in high school I will never forget," Diana Mayfield, sophomore, said. "The activities we did built leadership for myself and fellow members."

By participating in the Food For America Program, Diana and other members had the opportunity to teach children about the benefits and opportunities in agriculture.

The Oakland chapter worked to promote agriculture in several out-of-school activities in the community.

The members erected a petting zoo during the Autumn Glory Festival to educate people about agriculture. These activities also helped to encourage new membership into the chapter and motivate members.

"The FFA has helped me improve my leadership skills and become a better all around person," Susan Mayfield, junior said. "Public speaking has improved my self esteem and confidence."

The chapter's adviser, Mr. Steve Kisner, greatly appreciated the members' efforts in chapter activities.

"It has been a very busy year, yet extremely successful," Mr. Kisner said. "The officers have worked pretty well together and have completed numerous activities. I am extremely proud of this group. I wish them all well."

• by Jennifer Reckart



Taylor Sines, Jody Friend and Bobby Schmidt enjoy a rare opportunity to interact with FFA members from other chapters. North Garrett chapter members April Enlow (1997-1998 Garrett County Farm Queen) and Michael Garlance also competed at the Spring Career Development events held at College Park. Taylor, Jody and Bobby participated in the Ag. Mechanics competition while April and Michael competed in the crops contest.



## Last minute

preparations are important for competitive activities like Floriculture. Erin Rush and other FFA members participated in the Floriculture Career Development event in Gaithersburg. Teams were challenged to identify ornamental flowers and plants, and also to create a flower arrangement within a given budget at the contest.





## Horse judging

competitions held in Linganore, Maryland, allowed FFA members to interact with other chapters from all over the region. These activities also helped members pursue a career in an area of interest.

## To raise money

for the FFA National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, officers Diana Mayfield, Amanda Gregory, Jennifer Reckart and Susan Mayfield operate a concession stand at the Mountain Fresh Pavilion in Oakland though Autumn Glory to promote the chapter.



## Oakland chapter

members get a chance to come together again after school at the annual FFA picnic the chapter held in June.



## Ag. projects

keep many members busy all year long. George Beckman exhibits his steer at the Garrett County fair and also owns and operates his own poultry enterprise. His extraordinary entrepreneurship earned him the highest award for student entrepreneurs from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development with awards from Gov. Parris Glendening.



**Front row:** Jody Friend, Michelle McCartney, Susan Mayfield, Jennifer Reckart, Alicia DeWitt, Amanda Gregory, Diana Mayfield  
**Row two:** Jillena Henderson, Allison Hamilton, Tonya Broadwater, Jessica Lyons, Aliza Green, Tommy Ridder, Nick Sines, Erin

Rush, Nicole Kitzmiller  
**Row three:** Katy Steyer, Angela Beckman, Brian Reckart, Ron Chapman, Tara Hinebaugh, Adam Bernard, Adam Sanders  
**Back row:** Bruce Warsaw, Bobby Schmidt, Taylor Sines



# Girls get 'hot' with snow outside

*great instructors, fun people*



During practice, Tiffany Holtschneider is about to make her exchange to Anna Snyder. They practiced hard to get ready for their competitions.



## As Tammy

Skiles watches intently, Mr. Bob Thomas, instructor, adds a new part to the girls' routine. Mr. Thomas added parts based on what he felt the judges were looking for.

While the snow was falling outside, the girls participating in Winterguard were really heating things up inside. During the winter months, the Colorguard moved inside to compete in Winterguard competitions around the area.

"Winterguard was pretty wacky," Amy Snyder, junior, said. "Being my first year, I thought I was going to be really bad, and I was! But nobody cared! Our instructors were great and the people were fun. We didn't care that nobody got our show and we learned more skill work in the past season than I would have ever imagined possible. We can now say that we can catch a 4!"

The team worked mostly on basic skills. Most felt that they accomplished a lot even though they didn't score as high as they wished.

"All in all, I think we have had a very successful season," Anna Snyder, junior, said. "Even though we did not score high as we have in previous years, we got through a lot of basic skills and we had a pretty good show."

Most of the members were not too thrilled with the practices, but seemed to have had a great time on the trip to the East Coast.

"I felt that most of the practices were boring," Tiffany Holtschneider, junior, said. "I didn't really like Winterguard, but I had lots of fun on the east trip."

Mr. Bob Thomas, one of the instructors, had the Winterguard practice and perform what he felt the judges were looking for. His performers had a lot of fun with him and they learned from him.

"Winterguard was great," Jessica Moon, freshman, said. "All of the practices were OK. The trips were awesome. I love our instructors Kathy (Thomas) and Bob. They're great!"

• by Laura Friend

## Goofing off

during practice, Tommi Jackson is waiting for the orders from her instructor Mr. Bob Thomas. During the winter months, the Colorguard moved inside to compete in Winterguard competitions around the area.





### In the last

flag feature of the show, the girls turn around and toss their silks in groups of two. The team worked mostly on basic skills. Most felt that they accomplished a lot even though they didn't score as high as they wished.

### The girls

are holding their silks like rifles, waiting for input. The Winterguard was performing and doing their best to impress the judges. Mr. Bob Thomas, one of the instructors, had the Winterguard practice and perform what he felt the judges were looking for.



### In the silk

feature right before the exchange, Amy Snyder gets ready to toss her silk to her partner. This was Amy's first year in Winterguard. "Being my first year, I thought I was going to be really bad, and I was! But nobody cared! Our instructors were great and the people were fun."



### Just before

it goes behind her head, Jessica Moon concentrates hard on holding her silk during a practice. Most of the members were not too thrilled with the practices, but seemed to have had a great time on the trips.

### Waiting on

her count, Kassie Kauffmann gets ready to toss her silk. The was Kassie's second year in Winterguard.



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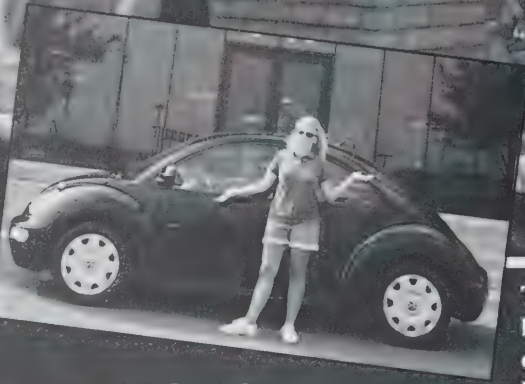
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The Town of Oakland finally completes the long awaited purchase of the 1884 B&O railroad station. The town planned to use the station as the center piece of a park along the Little Youghiogheny River.

# creating **PRIDE** in the community

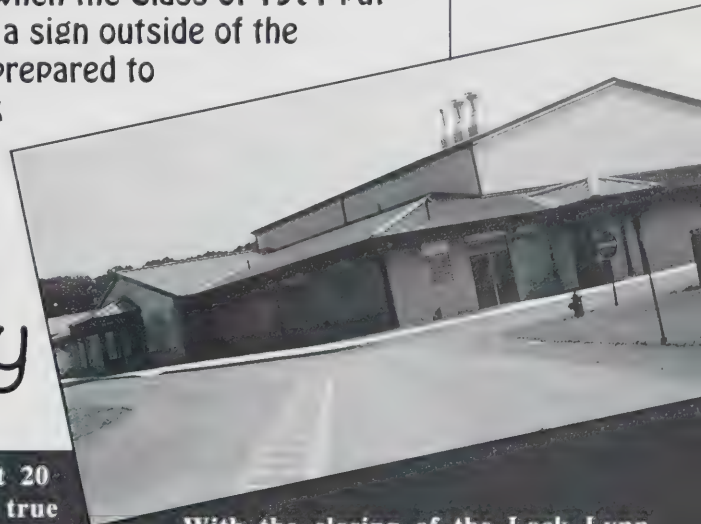
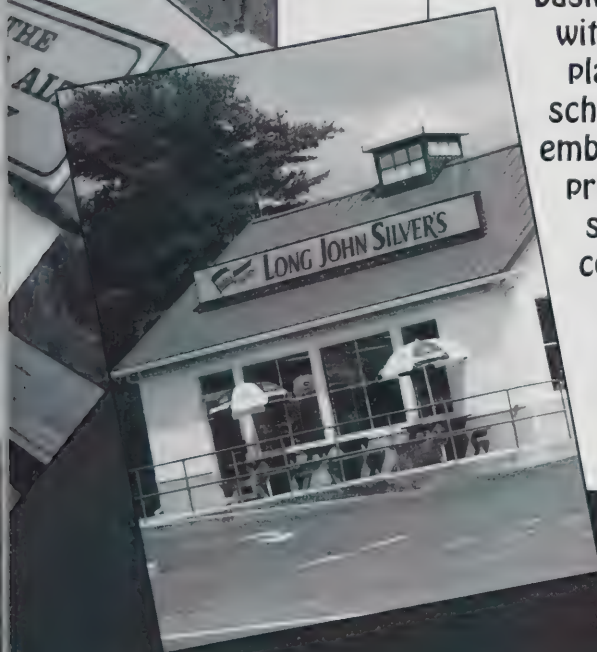
The Class of 1971 puts the finishing touches on the new sign with the addition of a brick planter box.

As we worked hard inside of these walls, the people in the community were busy working hard to improve life outside these walls. As the school prospered, Oakland and the neighboring areas did also. Several new businesses took up residence and were doing their part in enhancing the economy of our county. A glass factory now occupies the once vacant Bausch and Lomb building. Loch Lynn and Red House Elementary schools consolidated. Yough Glades, a new housing development built on the Bradley Manor lot, provided Garrett County with a recreation center where basketball was a community favorite. Direct involvement with the community came when the Class of 1971 put plans into action and built a sign outside of the school. As Garrett County prepared to embrace the future, we took pride in our past and the small town charm that continuously brings new people into our county.

## community

The rumors from the last 20 or so years finally came true – Oakland got a Long John Silver's fish restaurant.

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Hemp jewelry was a popular trend among students. "Hemp is great," Kara Wengerd, sophomore, said. "We planned a whole activity around it one day in our youth group."

Hemp was just as popular among students this year as the friendship bracelets of a few years ago. "Hemp looks cool," Derek Coughlin, sophomore, said. "Just look at me."

It looked like hemp jewelry would be around for a long time, at least as long as those friendship bracelets.

• by Stephanie Forman



**HEMP JEWELRY IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR** to Devon McClive who is weaving a hemp necklace. She was asked to weave quite a bit of hemp jewelry for her friends. Hemp jewelry was a popular trend among students.



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THE DISCUSSION OF NICKNAMES came up as Kim Lewis and Mr. Doug Buckley discuss possible journalism articles. "I've had many nicknames over the years," Mr. Buckley said. "Some have been kind, some not so kind, but they seem to go away if they are ignored."

## What's in a nickname?

We use them sometimes as terms of endearment and other times, well, just because they seem fitting.

Mr. David Beard, civics teacher, has a nickname known to only a few people. "The Mighty Beard has been a legend among some of us for quite some time," Evie White, sophomore, said. "He is an awesome teacher as well as a good friend. That is why we think he is mighty."

Nicknames weren't always such a bad thing. "I was given the nickname 'Bonita' in kindergarten by Mr. (Bill) Lovett," Bonnie Riley,

sophomore, said. "When he became a soccer coach, it stuck. Now there are many versions of my name." "Bonita" means pretty in Spanish.

"When couples give each other nicknames, it's really cute," Randi Carpenter, junior, said. "My boyfriend calls me 'Wing Ding' and it's so cute."

Nicknames had different meanings for everyone and they could tell a lot about a person. We don't always like them, but they stick with us as long as we don't blend in with the crowd.

• by Stephanie Forman



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## Battle of the bags

"Bookbags take up too much space," Carrie Carpenter, sophomore, said, as she commented on the policy of no bookbags in lunch.

Students' bookbags usually ended up in the isles where people had to walk. This caused people to trip and injure themselves or someone else.

Why no bookbags in lunch one might ask? When backpacks were brought to lunch, it costs time when dismissing.

"I think bookbags should be allowed and if somebody is worried about long lunch dismissals, extend the lunch period," Brandon Ferguson, senior, said.

First, students had to take time to gather their tray and bookbag at the same time. Under this condition, dismissal had to start five minutes before the bell rang. With students wandering in the halls during classes, many complaints were received from teachers.

"Student's meandering in the hall for up to 10 minutes causes disruption of ongoing classes," Mr. Delbert Liller said.

Without bookbags in lunch, students could be dismissed within a two minute time span which almost eliminated the meandering in the halls. First lunch had, if considering changing to third period, an additional five minutes. The time span for dismissal in the other two lunches was already two minutes.

With the "no bookbag" policy, students in first lunch always had to go from their second period to their third period class to

drop off their backpacks before lunch. If student's third period class was across the campus from their second period class, that made for a long walk.

Students in second and third lunch already had their bookbags in class because they were leaving their third period class to go to lunch.

"I think they should be allowed in lunch because it is really, really hard to get lunch on time," Jackie Stanley, senior, said.

"My third period class always seems to be on the other side of the school and I like study during lunch."

• by Rachel Farnsworth



BOOKBAGS COULD INDEED TAKE UP both lunch and classroom space and block aisles causing people to trip over the bags. For example, this picture shows

only a portion of the bookbags that had to be moved in order to take one of the journalism group pictures. (See the picture on page 151)





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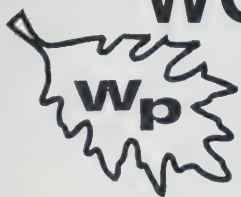
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Fifty-eight students took Advanced Placement (AP) classes. This was the second year that AP art had been offered but the first year for all the others. Since they were college level classes, they were harder than the honors classes that were also available.

"AP classes are pretty hard," Jason Bernard, senior, said. "The key to having any success in them is to forget about the AP

part of the class name."

Four classes were offered as Advanced Placement: physics, calculus, art, and politics and government.

"AP physics is a course which is taught as a college physics class," Mr. David Mayfield said. "The students will take a national test in May for which college credit will be given."

The test cost about \$74 to take. Mr. Mayfield continued, "The advantage to the course is that students can obtain college credit in a high school setting. The college credits will allow students to take lighter course loads when they attend college."

"I have discovered that the Advanced Placement classes exist as beneficiaries to my high school career and further intellectual development," Karlo Gesner, senior, said. "In other words: I like them good."

• by Rachel Farmer



LOOKS LIKE THE MARBLE IS GOING TO MISS mark as it falls from a table to try to hit the quarter on the floor. AP Physics students tried to calculate the factors of having a marble roll off a table and land directly on the quarter (See page 144).





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"I have a friend who has a phobia with germs," Regina Mick, junior, said. "She is afraid to touch door knobs and railings, so she uses her sleeve. I mainly worry about food-poisoning from germs."

The shower floor in a locker room was an ideal home for seven types of bacteria and two types of fungi. These included one which could bring stomach distress or infection and another called tnerobater-cloacae, that lead to infection or genital problems.

"I don't really think about germs until

they are brought to my attention." Mike Harvey, junior, said.

A student's very own toothbrush was likely covered with the fungi in yeast infections and thrush.

If someone frequently used a public phone, they could catch a serious infection called propionibacterium acnes. (Actually that was just a fancy name for acne.)

"You can get germs from other people and I hate germs, but you can't avoid them," Sarah Mattingly, junior, said.

Fortunately you are not very likely to contract a terrible disease merely by touching these things. Preventing bacteria related diseases was largely a matter of common sense.

Scrub your hands well after using the bathroom, changing diapers, handling gar-

bage, before preparing food and before e ing.

"Germs cause sickness and surround every day," Crystal Hinnant, junior, said. "For this reason, I always carry my ba and body works hand sanitizing gel."

• by Randy Carper





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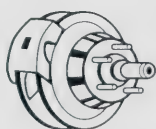
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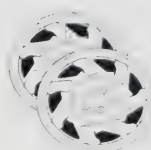
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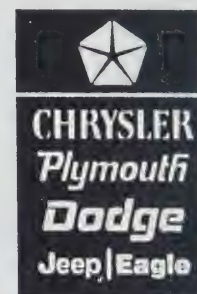
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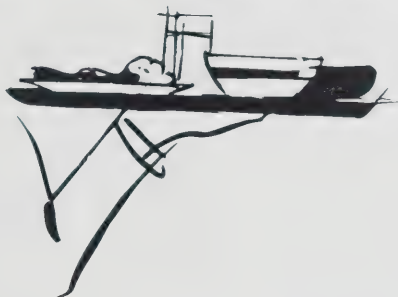
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## Sheep drink freshwater

"Different. They have absolutely no possible way of being understood other than by their own kind," Dan Sincell said in reference to those strange individuals known as freshmen.

There was a definite attitude carried by freshmen that was strange to the rest of the school.

"Maybe it's like something in the water at the middle school or something," Nick Glotfelty, junior said.

Whatever caused the alienated course freshmen follow was probably never going to be discovered, but it's always going to be there.

"You know, freshmen are like little followers. Sheep, that's what they are, sheep," Scott Sanders, senior said. "They kinda follow around like little lambs, hmmmm, no chops."

Although the rest of the student crowd was not as altered in their thinking as Scott, freshmen were very... different.

What happened in the course of a summer, and eventually four years that changed freshmen into humanoid creatures?

"I think it's something in the water," Nick Glotfelty, senior, said.

"If I had one guess it would be that they actually have preserved through the prepubescent stage and entered a sort of adulthood," Sean Conroy, senior, said. "But I could be mistaken."

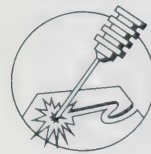
This was a very good explanation but a deeper approach should be taken into the study of these freshmen.

"Let's face it," Nick Glotfelty said. "It's gotta be the water."

Actually, a more deeper approach was

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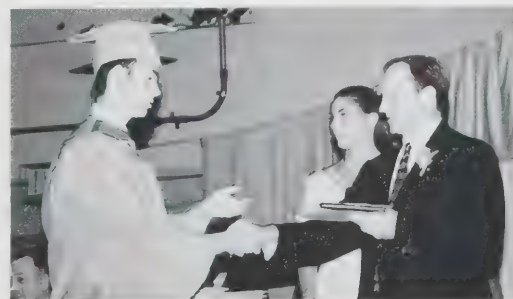
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needed.

"Freshmen are just out there," Steve Allison, senior said. "There is really no explanation or reasons why other than the fact that they are just out there in space somewhere. I like what Scott said about sheep. Maybe it's something in the water?"

• by Steve Pariseau



GRADUATION IS A HAPPY TIME for Steve Allison as he receives his diploma from Dr. Wendell Teets, superintendent of schools. One wonders if Steve was as lost as a freshman as he is quoted in the above article concerning today's freshmen.



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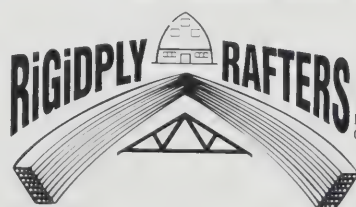
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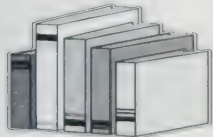


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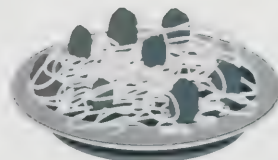
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"I've only been to the theatre a couple of times, but both times have been wonderful," Devon McClive, junior, said. "The theatre has come a long way and Ms. Avery's dedication and creativeness has really paid off."

Much renovation had to be done on the theatre. A lighting booth had to be constructed, and both a handicap ramp, bathroom, and a sprinkler system had to be installed.

Ms. Avery chose the old museum because

it was the only one with ambiance, a good high ceiling for hanging lights, and a flexible floor space for her to have different types of stages for her performances.

"*Our Town Theatre* has a very warm and beautiful atmosphere and I enjoy visiting it," Evie White, sophomore, said. "Ms. Avery is a great lady and she has made her theatre great as well."

Ms. Avery planned to have the renovations done by spring. Some of the plays she hoped to perform were *The Dining Room*, *Smoke on the Mountains*, which was a musical, and *Camping with Henry and Tom*.

Ms. Avery was also going to have readings for different age groups, along with separate coffee house nights for adults and teenagers. Ms. Avery's Theatre II students performed their end of the year monologues

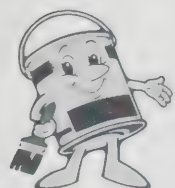
there also.

When the theatre has been fully renovated and up and running, Ms. Avery was going to turn it over to the Garrett County theatre group.

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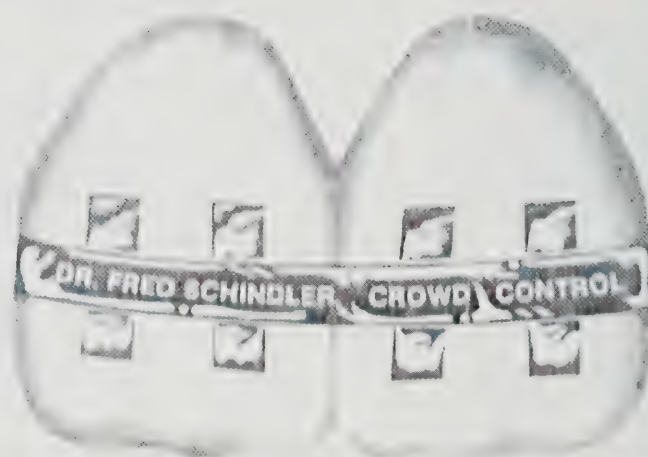
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May your hopes stay as bright as they are on this day,  
May each dream be fulfilled in a wonderful way...  
May successes be many, discouragements few,  
May your future be just as terrific as you!

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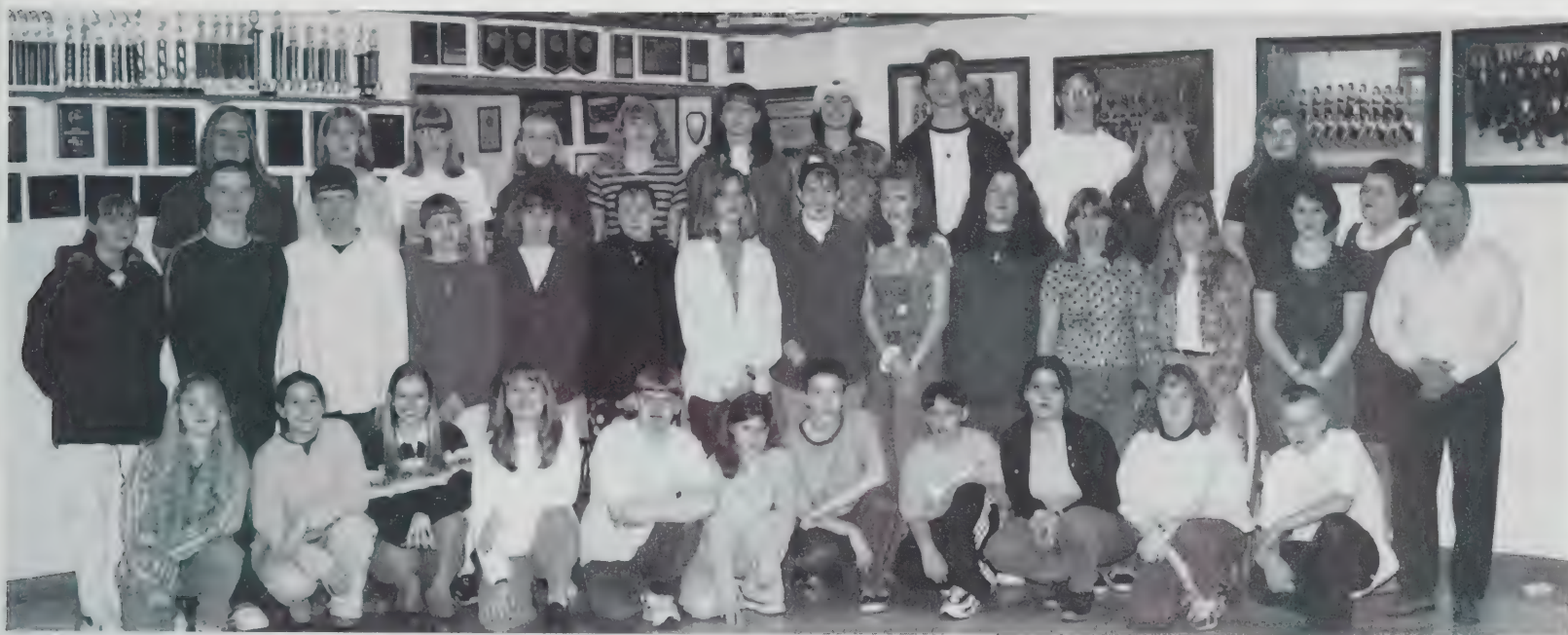
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# School Year

First student day: August 25, 1997

Last student day: June 8, 1998

Graduation: May 31, 1998

Days missed:

1-15 Ice

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2-4 Snow

2-5 Snow

2-23 Snow

Two hour delays:

11-14 Ice

12-10 Ice

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With arms in motion, Meghan Mahaffey helps cheer the basketball team.

# PRIDE





The hand-off is being given to Josh Helbig from Mike Avona during a spring track meet.



The lineup celebrates graduation: Erin Ball, Maggie Hardesty, Anya Tasker and Valerie Kight.

The end of the year was marked with many activities; students experienced a magical evening at the prom and seniors completed their final days at Southern with various activities including a senior picnic and the grand finale of graduation. Playoffs for spring sports were over, with baseball advancing to the state final game. Students prepared for finals and dreamed of what the summer would hold. Summer jobs began and tourists began to infect our small town. Graduates made the most of every moment they had, spending quality time with family and friends before they left for college in August. The school year may be over, but Southern pride is everlasting.



There were a few people who wished to help you remember when you went to your first dance, or when you closed your locker for the last time. The Highlander staff toiled long and sacrificed much to bring you the year between these covers. Our debt to them and our gratitude to all who helped is beyond words.

When we are old we know we will take down this book and recall the laughter and fun we shared creating these pages. But it was the laughter and fun of the school that made these pages possible.

Because of this yearbook, the Highlander staff will forever live life giggling at the strangest things. Our father is now Mr. Buckley, layouts make us shudder, and radiation poisoning from computer monitors will be our demise. Also deadlines no longer have meanings, our mug-shots (with rewards) are in the staff lounge, and passersby think we are a cult. How did we survive? Two words: caffeine from Surge. That anyway is what we have learned.

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